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BATTLE FOR ETHIOPIA NOW UNDER WAY: BLITZ METHODS ARE ADOPTED

"Reuter's" Special Correspondent with South African Forces in Abyssinia

Feb. 7.—The battle for Abyssinia is now under way. South African troops in large numbers crossed the border from Kenya and captured the strong Italian post at Gorai, a crater twenty miles inside Abyssinia. The Italians suffered considerable losses both in men and materials. At least thirty Italians were killed, and about the same number were wounded, and forty-seven were taken prisoner.

Desperate Italians Mown Down

Greeks Pursue with Bayonets

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Large forces of advancing Italian infantrymen were literally mown down by Greek fire in a two-hour's abortive attack on the Albanian battle front yesterday, according to the Athens radio to-night.

R. A. F. IN BEST FORM

Bombs Plaster Coast Ports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
 LONDON, Feb. 7 (UP).—Regarding the overnight R.A.F. activities, the Air Ministry announced that a number of brisk fires were started at Dieppe.

Bombs fell on many docks and basins causing several fires and large explosions during a two-hour raid on Boulogne. At Dunkirk, bombs burst near some barges and shipping and incendiary bombs caused fires. At Fecamp the railway and eastern end docks were hit. At Calais attacks were made from a low level and explosions were observed on the warehouses beside the docks.

Boulogne Masked
 LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Waves of R.A.F. bombers to-night made an attack of considerable scale on invasion ports on the French coast. The centre of the attack appeared to be the Boulogne area, which was heavily bombed the previous night. Fog had blotted out the Channel all day, but to-night there was some improvement although a layer of mist hung over the sea. The raiders, who dropped parachute flares, were met by terrific anti-aircraft fire, streams of tracer bullets and "flaming onions" which could be seen on the southeast coast above the fog. The explosion of heavy bombs echoed across the Channel at frequent intervals, and the sky was lit up by brilliant flashes.

Fire Lights Sky
 After the raid had been in progress for an hour, two vivid sheets of orange flames shot from a point east of Boulogne, accompanied by violent explosions, which shook the doors and windows of houses on the Kent coast. Soon afterwards a bright red glow spread across the sky, apparently due to a fierce fire which was itself screened by the bank of fog in the Channel.

Sikorski Tells Poland Of Allied Strength

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—A German attempt to invade Britain is "doomed to failure" and General Wavell's lightning victories in Libya "are decidedly checking Hitler's plans in the Mediterranean and North Africa." These were two main points made by General Sikorski, the Polish Premier and C-in-C of the Polish Army, broadcasting to Poland from London to-night. He stated: "The Germans cannot undertake any serious action in Africa without occupation of French territories on the Mediterranean. But they must first take possession of Malta and it is imperative for Hitler to defeat the invincible British Navy in order to carry German land forces across the sea."

This action was a "blitz" battle carried out with great generalship and great courage by troops who had never previously been in action. Two days later the Springboks also crossed the border over which it has hitherto appeared impossible to move an army. In 48 hours engineers had cut a road through the wilderness at the surprising speed of one mile per hour.

Two Tasks Carried Out
 Two forces penetrated into Abyssinia simultaneously. The task of one was to capture and hold the fortified position of Elgum, the junction of the road from Gorai to Ganchiaro. The second force was to capture and hold the Gorai front.

Both tasks were accomplished the same day. Elgum was taken at 4 p.m. and Gorai an hour later after a sharp engagement lasting fifty minutes. Gorai was taken by an infantry unit containing some of South Africa's youngest regiments formed since the outbreak of war. After preliminary skirmishes, guns pounded the Italians in their trenches and rock-belt pill-boxes and the fort was then carried by a swift intensive onslaught. Gorai is an extinct volcano containing sulphurous water which is strategically important in an almost waterless region.

Middle East Air Arm

Desert, East Africa And Albanian Actions

CAIRO, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—R.A.F. activities before the capture of Benghazi are described in a communiqué issued from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East.

The communiqué states: "Bombing aircraft of the R.A.F. carried out raids on Benghazi, Berka and Jedabya during Wednesday night. Several tons of bombs were dropped and considerable damage was caused, including one enemy aircraft destroyed by a direct hit. Our fighters continued offensive patrols during which machine-gun attacks were made on the aerodrome at Benina and a number of enemy bombers on the ground were damaged."

"At Benghazi, our fighters patrolled without encountering any enemy opposition."

East Africa
 Dealing with Italian East Africa, the communiqué added that the South African Air Force squadron patrolling near Asmara encountered enemy fighters and shot down two of them. Other aircraft of the same squadron machine-gunned Bahdar aerodrome, destroying three enemy aircraft and causing a large petrol fire.

Keren was again bombed, particularly the railway and military buildings, while bombs were also dropped on a large transport yard at Assab.

In Albania
 In Albania, military objectives west of Tepelini and Krahad were bombed on Thursday, and direct hits on military stores and transport were observed.

The weather during the raid was very bad and one British aircraft was lost.

Italians Get Down To Job They Know

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Some 4,000 Italian prisoners of war will be employed on the construction of a national road from Capetown to Worcester and through Montagu Pass. The Government has agreed to accommodate, will be employed in other 'slave' departments.

Winant Departure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (Reuter). Mr John Winant, the new United States Ambassador to Britain, will probably leave for England in ten days' time, according to an announcement by President Roosevelt.

DELHI POST FOR HONGKONG MAN

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—While Major-General W. C. Holden will be Officer in charge of the Central Provision Office to be established as the result of the Eastern Group Conference, it is understood that Mr J. Whyatt, who was one of the officers to the Hongkong delegation to the Conference, will be Secretary of the Eastern Group Supply Council. Mr Whyatt has arrived in Delhi.

Benghazi Taken In A Sandstorm

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

With another lightning leap forward in their record-breaking advance across North Africa, the British Imperial forces yesterday entered Benghazi, the last Italian stronghold in Eastern Libya after a swift and sudden battle in a blinding sandstorm.

Italian resistance is believed to have been negligible. An idea of the magnitude of the British success can be obtained from consideration of the fact that less than two months have elapsed since the beginning of the offensive; yet British troops are now 400 miles from Sidi Barrani and 600 miles from Alexandria.

To-day, British uniforms can be seen in the palm-lined avenues of Benghazi, providing the bewildered inhabitants with evidence of the crack-up of the Italian Empire. Despite the rapidity with which Benghazi has fallen, a complete scheme for British administration of the occupied territory is already in existence.

Looking back on the whole campaign, it is clear that British tanks have played an astonishing role, charging forward hundreds of miles and taking "one point" after another completely by surprise.

Coast And Interior Roads
 In the case of Libya, the British advance has been carried out not only by coast roads but also by the interior road running clear across Cirenaica behind a mountain range. The capture of Benghazi was another master-stroke of strategy, comparable with the capture of Sidi Barrani.

Should Carry on The Advance Into Tripoli

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—The fall of Benghazi though inevitable, took place even sooner than was thought possible. Italian resistance in Cirenaica must have completely collapsed. With the exception of one rearguard action there seems to have been little more called for from British troops after Derna than to face the fatigues of rapid marches.

Canadian Trained Airmen

Another Group Reaches Scotland

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—More evidence of the fruits of the rapidly growing Empire Air Training Scheme was provided to-day when a contingent of R.A.F. personnel from Britain, who had completed their training in Canada, returned with their "wings."

They were accompanied by new Australian and Canadian pilots. The new pilots arrived at a Scottish port and will be followed, at regular intervals by thousands of volunteers, including men hailing from Australia, Ceylon, Malay States and other parts of the Empire. The British contingent, mainly sergeant pilots, joined the R.A.F. early in the war and completed their ground training at home before being sent to Canada some months ago.

Magnificent Effort
 MELBOURNE, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—A magnificent effort: our forces must have had a motor race: extraordinary how the Italians cleared out. This comment was made to-day by Major-General V. A. H. Sturdee, C-in-C Australian Imperial Forces, when he was told of the capture of Benghazi.

Major-General Sturdee arrived here last month from the Middle East. Mr A. W. Fadden, Acting Commonwealth Prime Minister, said that he was delighted at this culmination of the brilliant success of "our Australian boys."

Greek Joy Unbounded
 LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—News of the capture of Benghazi was received in Athens this afternoon with unbounded joy and enthusiasm, states the Athens radio.

"It had been confidently expected that this important Italian military TURN to Page 6, Column Five

Japanese Land More Troops At Haiphong: Indo-China Concession

Special to the "Telegraph"

SAIGON, Feb. 7 (UP).—Unimpeachable diplomatic sources declared to-day that the Japanese during the past four days continued landing troops at Haiphong, bringing the total number in Tongkin to nearly 13,000.

A number of Japanese warships, including transports, have been sighted off Haiphong and the Japanese air force in Tongkin has been strengthened.

One diplomatic source alleges that after the conclusion of the peace parleys at Tokyo, which are likely to end on February 19, the Japanese may receive permission to enter southern Indo-China, where they will be able to make preparations for a southern expansion if necessary. The Japanese concentration in Tongkin is a precautionary measure against the growing Chinese concentrations on the Indo-China border.

Control Of H.K. Cement Prices Announced

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Convoy Attacker Shot Down

Destroyer's Direct Hit

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—The British destroyer, Vandy, shot down a German Dornier twin-engined bomber which was attempting to attack a convoy. An Admiralty communiqué says that a direct hit was made on the enemy aircraft which crashed into the sea. There were no survivors. No damage or casualty was sustained by the convoy or destroyer.

LATEST

Japan May Declare War On China

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Japan is considering a formal declaration of war on China for the purpose of demanding belligerent rights in order to establish a blockade of Rangoon and the Indian Ocean, according to the Scripps-Howard papers. They add that Japan has first asked Berlin to bring pressure to bear on Moscow to get Russian supplies to China stopped and a non-aggression pact arranged between Moscow and Tokyo. The papers also report that Germany is trying hard to bring about such an entente in order to free Japan's hands for a diversion in the Pacific in an endeavour to paralyse further American aid for Britain.

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Premier To Broadcast

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—It is announced that the Prime Minister will broadcast in the B.B.C. Home and Overseas services at 8 p.m. on Sunday, February 9.

Financial Transaction Between India & U.K.

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Financial transactions involving nearly \$90,000,000 between the United Kingdom Government and the British Treasury to-day.

Holders of five Indian Government sterling loans are to sell them to the British Treasury at the price ruling at the close of business to-day. The British Treasury will then hand them over to the Indian Government at the same price for cancellation.

Payments will be made by the Indian Government out of the large sterling balances which have been accumulated by the Indian Government since the outbreak of war, as a result of the large increase of British imports from India. The decision to do this was made following the realisation that India's large sterling balances might properly be used for debt redemption.

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STOCK EXCHANGE

War News Bucks Up Depressed Shares

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuters).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, sentiment which was early depressed on taxation uncertainties sharply improved on news of the capture of Benghazi. Widespread small losses were generally regained.

Not gains were recorded in several sections of industrials, including textiles and tobacco.

Oils improved while gilt-edged holdings and South African mining securities were generally unchanged on the day.

Among the foreign funds, Belgian four per cent, stocks continued to advance. Wall Street was dull and easy.

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1941.

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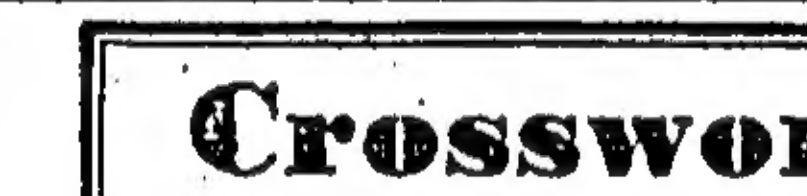
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ACROSS

1—Dietrich
2—Kind of fruit
3—Extraneous action (col.)
4—Wicked deed
5—Constellation, The Wolf
6—On summit of
7—Wither
8—Cattle
9—Lith table-land
10—Extended areas
11—Closely lacquer
12—Piling about
13—Hasten
14—Crum (col.)
15—Ready to sail honor
16—Melody
17—In the past
18—Wicked deed
19—Act of reading carefully
20—Clums of marble
21—Dance step
22—Free
23—Chit with scissors
24—Close connection
25—Short swim
26—Chamber
27—Opposite of male
28—Large deer
29—Zigzag
30—Biblician fish-god
31—Gulf on Arabian Sea
32—Noise in chest

DOWN

1—Agreeable settlement
2—On top of
3—National industrial
4—Beverly Act
5—One of Pleiades
6—Peeble-minded
7—Man's nickname
8—Short poem
9—One going
10—Comfort
11—Pleasant sub-stance
12—Liquor
13—Mimic
14—Kind of job
15—Natural lat.
16—Injury
17—Article on list
18—Medicinal portion
19—Kind of jewel
20—Depression on horizon
21—Alcoholic liquors
22—Liquor
23—Pastening over
24—Mad's name
25—Push in water
26—Put in good humor
27—Dating from birth
28—Child's marble
29—More absurd
30—Gender
31—Lord Advocate of Scotland (abbr.)
32—Violent agitation
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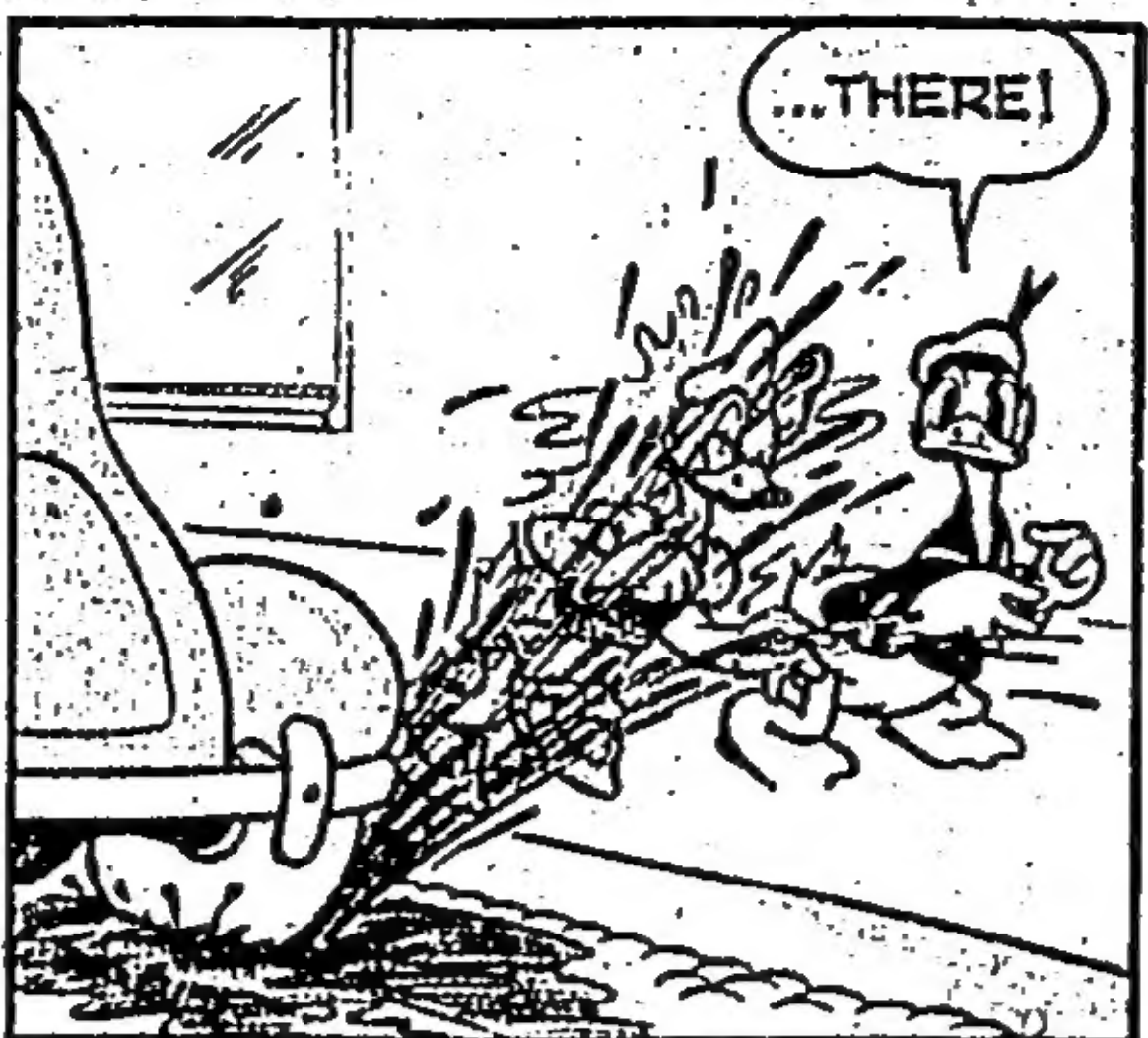
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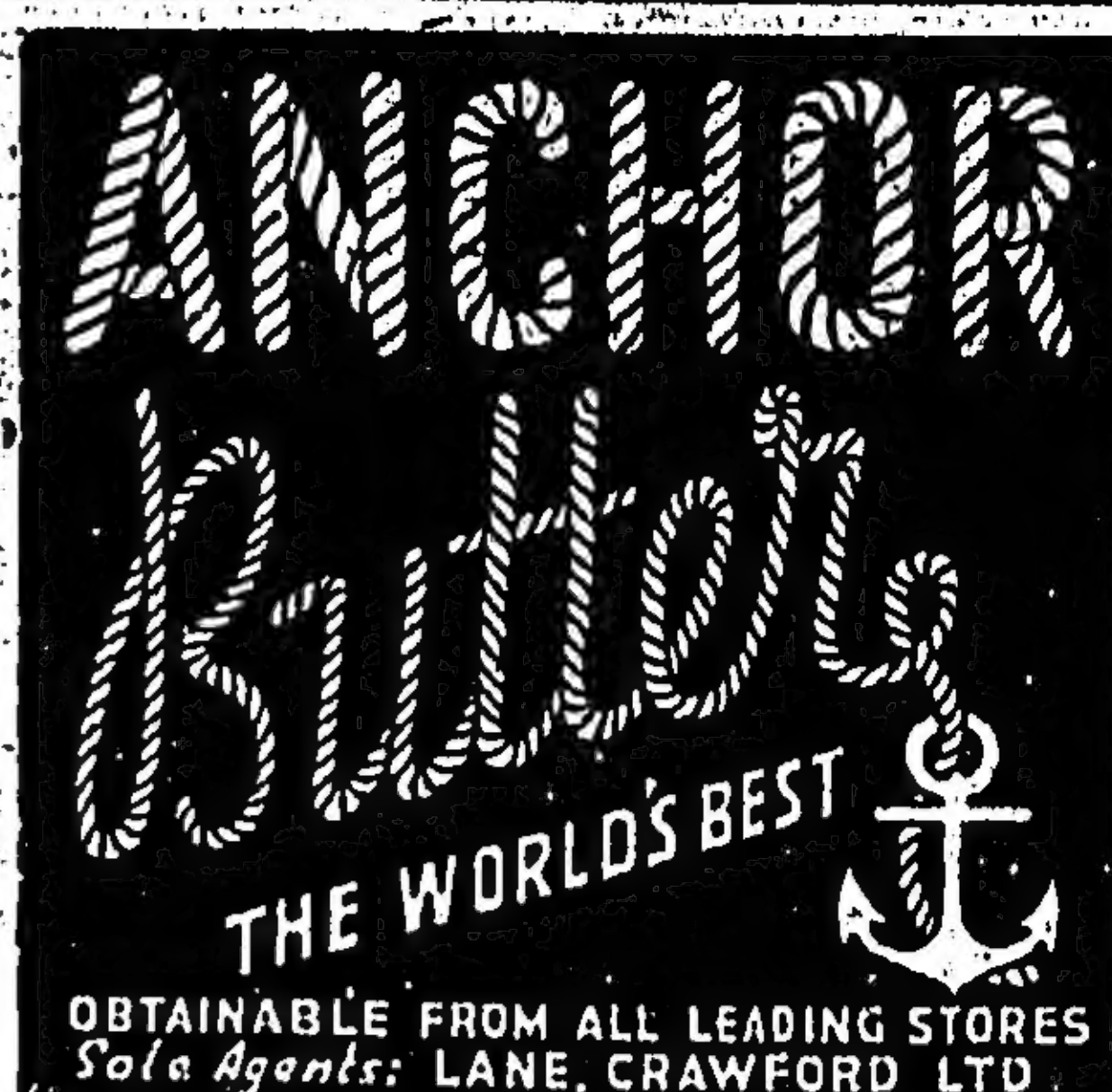
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DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney



What a tremendous opportunity!

I refer to the report that Mussolini has appointed Count Volpi to negotiate with British interests for the evacuation of about 200,000 Italian colonists from Abyssinia.

If I were the Prime Minister, I would guarantee to deliver every one of them back to Italy, subject, of course, to necessary terms and assurances. If possible, I would use British ships, and insist upon "seeing them home". Such an act would be a crowning achievement in diplomatic propaganda. Imagine the object lesson to the Italians if their own people were returned home safely to their own ports in British ships. They could not ignore the humanitarian aspect on the part of the people against whom they have been forced to take up arms. What a homecoming for them! What a magnificent gesture! What a tremendous opportunity!

INDUSTRIALISATION OF HONGKONG

The vital importance of encouraging the industrialisation of Hongkong cannot be overstressed. The prosperity of any race or country depends upon its industry, and both the inhabitants and the Government must do all in their power to establish a firm foundation on which Hongkong's future prosperity will be built.

England progressed centuries ago because of the industry of her people, and because of the encouragement given to those who became her "shop-keepers." The gibe of the past, that "England was a nation of shop-keepers," was actually a tribute to the enterprise and industrialism of her people. Let Hongkong remember that.

Of recent years, factories of every description have sprung up in the Colony. They have carried the name of Hongkong to the four corners of the earth, and Hongkong has been the gainer in that the volume of actual trade (apart from goods in transit) has been largely supported by the export of goods manufactured within the Colony.

It stands to reason that factories, if properly supervised and controlled, are assets which every country must encourage. They absorb a considerable percentage of the population. They contribute directly to the revenue of the country, and they make it possible for their workers to make their indirect contribution.

Unfortunately, officialdom has, to a certain extent, hindered rather than encouraged industrialism in the past. The restrictions and difficulties which have been placed in the path of the pioneers have hindered the progress so desired. In spite of difficulties, much has been done, but much more can be done if judicious control is exercised, and genuine enterprise fostered. The Colony maintains itself out of its trade, and the healthier that is, the greater the revenue so urgently required for so many needs.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ACCORD

I have often wondered recently whether the tremendous significance of Anglo-American accord is generally appreciated for what it really is!

It is more than a mere fusion of common ideals; it is more than a mutual understanding of a common problem.

TWO TELEGRAPH SATURDAY FEATURES

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By JOHN BLUNT

It is the greatest crusade ever undertaken by men of this world to defend the right, and to restore the happiness and freedom of alien nations who now lie crushed and bleeding under the cloven hoof of the very devil incarnate. It is an accord not entirely divorced from fear—but it is a righteous fear, from which has been born a mutual determination to ensure that men, women and children of the British Empire and the United States never shall be slaves.

No words can adequately describe the momentousness of the

Anglo-American Crusade. In a sense it implies a determination to make certain that the fittest will survive—the fittest physically, mentally and, most important of all, morally.

How greatly this is appreciated by the United States has been evidenced by the inspiring and spontaneous gesture of President Roosevelt in going out personally to greet Britain's new Ambassador. It was a great, and yet a simple gesture. Great because it created a precedent in diplomatic procedure which will go down in history, and simple because it revealed the sincerity

which actuated such a departure from the conventional.

We are supposed to be an emotional race, but there are times when our feelings are deeply stirred, and I know that British people throughout the Empire were at first surprised, and then grateful, that such a spirit of frankness, kindness and understanding could exist. The first citizen of the United States surely sealed a bond between his country and the British Empire which will prove of lasting and mutual benefit to ourselves and to mankind in general.

CURRENT COMMENT... By Scrutineer

There is a parallel between Hitler and Laval in so far as both had to deal with the president of a state who was over eighty years of age. Hitler, who had a good many votes behind him, was able to compel Hindenburg's palsied hand to sign the document by which he was granted dictatorial power. Laval, without any popular vote behind him but by virtue of the fact that he was supported from Berlin, was able to impose himself upon Marshal Petain.

Laval, who has the most unsavoury reputation in France, has had a rather tortuous career. He was on the suspect list in the last war, i.e. on Carnet B, which meant that he had to be watched by the secret police. He started, as was his habit, by making a speech, and on the left wing of politics, but as his wealth increased he moved to the right. It is said he owes his fortune to his association with Francois de Wendel, the potentate of the Comete des Forges. Cadette, formerly The Times' correspondent in Paris, says it came by more devious and even more questionable ways.

Years in and years out Laval wears a white washable necktie. Some attribute this to stinginess, some to its publicity value, and others say, he needs something clean about him. A Socialist deputy once interrupted a speech by Laval in the Chamber with the words: "I wish your hands were as clean as your necktie." Such is the man who is nominated by Hitler to rule France.

There are two explanations of his quarrel and his arrest by Marshal Petain. According to "Time," Laval is said to have arranged for the body of Napoleon the First's son to be brought from Vienna and reinterred in des Invalides. Hitler and Ribbentrop were to grace the ceremony and thus show to Frenchmen their reverence for the greatest of dictators of the past. Hitler himself was to be there to indicate that the mantle of Napoleon had fallen upon him. Marshal Petain was informed of the arrangement and expected to proceed to Paris, and according to the plot he was to become the puppet ruler, or murdered. The old man refused to play the part assigned to him and so the whole affair fell through.

Another explanation is that Laval as the vice-president of the State had arranged for the French fleet to be handed over to Germany, as well as the fifth columnist who now threatens to turn France into another Rumania. Everything depends on Petain, who has the Frenchman's obstinate regard for the legal and logical interpretation of such documents as the armistice.

The whole business, however, is quite in keeping with the technique Hitler laid down in Mein Kampf—never to impose the harshest conditions, at the beginning but to put the screw on gradually until the nation's will is sapped and, finally, the victim collapses entirely under the strain.

The insistence on the reinstatement of Laval in the Vichy Cabinet

is not due to any affection Hitler may have for that gentleman, but it is intended to show that France is a defeated nation and must obey orders.

Assuming Laval gets back to Vichy, the question arises what will Weygand do in Morocco, and what will the French sailors do? It is hard to believe they will fight their ships, and still harder to believe they will hand them over to the Germans.

The present situation, however, does seem to justify the Prime Minister's action at Oran.

WILLKIE'S TOUR

Wendell Willkie has completed his tour of Britain, where he has been gathering evidence and impressions for the benefit of the members of the Foreign Affairs Committee. He praises the steadfast courage and high spirits which he has found in all places and which no bombs, whether incendiary or high explosive, can destroy. He is impressed with the unity that prevails in face of the common danger and with the friendly relations between workmen and employers. He regards Winston Churchill's leadership as inspired and inspiring. It is something of a miracle that the greatest crisis in British history should throw up the ideal leader.

It is clear that Wendell Willkie's testimony before the American Committee will be along the lines he has already indicated. He was at home in England, because he was at the source of American life, the fountain from which come those ideals of independence, justice, individual liberty and all those things which really give human life its value. Wendell Willkie was made to understand what these things really mean, how tenaciously they were being defended, how even life itself was of no account in comparison with the safeguarding of these splendid traditions. These things he saw enlarged, more important, and more vividly apprehended because they were in danger.

They are the principles of life which America holds in affection, but which cannot be enjoyed unless reaffirmed and defended whenever they are threatened. It is not unreasonable to suppose that Wendell Willkie has increased his prospects of election to the Presidency of the United States in 1944 by his visit to England, seeing that the two Anglo-Saxon nations are destined to march forward in the defence of those things they hold equally dear and to destroy those Nazi forces which threaten them.

BRITISH UNITY

Mr. Womersley, formerly Belgian Minister of Information, writes of London as follows:—

"When I first came here, an English victory was for me a matter of conviction. To-day, it is a matter of certainty. There will be no war of nerves in England and no war of nerves in the English have no nerves. This people is today reaping the benefits of educational methods long applied in England, the effect of which is to develop character rather than intellect. I am struck by the calm discipline and civic spirit of this great nation. Everyone is at his post doing his job in the knowledge his neighbour is doing the same. There are no privileges and no

shirkers. A lord who refuses to observe the black-out is punished quite as severely as a crossing sweeper.

"Buckingham Palace has been bombed just like the humblest workman's cottage. Tonight I spent eight hours in a public shelter full of workers and petite bourgeois. These people's good humour, cordiality and solidarity in distress is profoundly moving. During the whole of those eight hours, I heard no word of complaint or recrimination, no word against the authorities. Here once more are the deep roots of that great democratic tradition which ensures that the people have confidence in its rulers, because it controls them.

"There are no signs here of those divisions which reveal a state of decadence. The other evening, I dined with a City banker. He is nearer sixty than fifty. He patronises the Thames in a boat. His wife runs an ambulance. His daughter is a nurse."

Such is the testimony of a foreigner who has lived in England now for some months during the heaviest bombardment and such is the kind of report Mr. Wendell Willkie will take back with him to Washington.

GERMANS IN DILEMMA

The German broadcasts in the past week have been quite remarkable. Goebbels simply cannot understand the British mentality and so cannot interpret correctly anything he hears. The most astonishing talk in English on Tuesday was the severe castigation of British leaders for their straightforward warnings to the United States and the urgent demand for material aid. The British leaders were accused of exaggerating the difficulties of the situation in order to persuade America into doing something she did not want to do.

The speaker suggested that there should be two newspapers produced in England: one for America to read and one for British readers. This is the sort of thing that is done in Germany, where the right hand is not allowed to know what the left is doing. Somehow or other, the Germans cannot or will not understand that British people prefer the truth, however unpleasant it may sometimes be; they fight better when they know the worst.

The Germans were recently saying that Britain was beaten, only she did not know it; the ship of state was sinking they said, and the passengers should now be taking to the boats. The Captain and officers however were keeping the one life boat for themselves and letting the passengers drown. Now they do not believe this to be the case. In fact, they suspect it is all a trap to lure Germany on to a bait which they cannot make head or tail of this situation in Britain, which they now believe is far stronger than they ever imagined.

JAPAN AND THAILAND

The events in Indo-China, where Thailand, or Siam, as the Americans call it, has been causing trouble in obedience to the demand for a new order in Asia, have led to an armistice being signed. Japan, who arranged the incident, now arranges

the peace, and as broker she will want a very high commission. Nothing demonstrates so fully the sad plight of France, as these vain attempts to exclude, first, the Japanese and, secondly, the Thais from Indo-China. France lies there with none to do her reverence—a miserable, emaciated body which attracts the vultures as well as the rats and the maggots.

Japan moves south at the command of Germany in the same way as Thailand move east at the command of Japan. These movements are preliminary to bigger events and no doubt will take a long time. The negotiations will be protracted, for the next stage is fraught with dire consequences and no one is anxious for zero hour to arrive.

MUSSOLINI'S MISTAKE

The Italians' lust for war is not quite as strong as their lust for victory. Mussolini declared war in June against Britain because he thought victory for the Axis was certain, and he launched his attack against Greece because he was convinced General Metaxas would see that his defeat was certain if he did not yield to the Italian demands. General Metaxas, however, replied by giving an order to his army to resist and added: "We shall win, but in any case remember, the Greeks have always preferred Glory to Victory."

Here we see the difference in the mentality between the two peoples. The spirit that dominates the Greeks as they hurl the invader back out of their country is not to be found in the Italian army. It cannot be, since the Italian knows that deep down in his heart he is more engaged on a thieving expedition. There is no real inner compulsion. The thief caught redhanded is usually a sorry spectacle. His courage, never very high, at once deserts him and he is an easy prey for the captor.

The Italians in every way have sunk desperately low morally. It will take centuries to live down the horrible stain of dishonour, treachery and cowardice which has marked the Fascist regime since 1923, and especially since linking up with the Nazis in 1936.

It would be more than a military catastrophe if these immoral principles upon which Nazism and Fascism stand, were to prevail. The Greeks and the British, however, have shown that the enemy forces, however great, must yield before the assaults of those who are conscious of the righteousness of their own cause and of the fundamental evil nature of the enemy's.

LORD LLOYD

Lord Lloyd's death removes a vital figure from public life. As Secretary of State for the Colonies he recently made a special appeal for funds to buy mobile canteens. Hongkong Rotary Club immediately sent £300. The British Council, of which he was chairman, recently made an annual grant of one thousand pounds to the University of Hongkong which will be supplemented and enable twenty students from the interior of China to study here. As such scholarships will bring the University into close contact with educational institutions on the mainland, it is the sort of grant that will have beneficial and far-reaching effects. The Rhodes Trustees have also allotted a lump sum of £1,000 to Hongkong University for two scholarships to be held in Oxford.

Nazis' Plot To Kidnap Horthy

A PLOT to kidnap Admiral Horthy, Hungarian Regent, and set up a Nazi regime, has been revealed by the Hungarian Attorney-General in Budapest.

He said the plotters had planned to murder the Admiral's suite and force the release of Nazi leaders in Hungary.

The murder of the Hungarian Minister of the Interior was also planned by the Nazis.

They intended, also, to seize an arms factory and arm their followers. Szalasi, leader of the Arrow Cross Party (the Nazis in Hungary) was to have been appointed Premier.



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LEADING LEAGUE TEAMS EXPECTED TO WIN WEEK-END SOCCER MATCHES

(By "SCRAMBLER")

AS FAR AS THE Senior League standing is concerned, there is still no change with Sing Tao leading by two points with one game more than South China and Eastern trailing one point behind. This week's games will not, I am certain, affect the position in any way, as the leading teams should win their matches.

THE FIRST ROUND shield games which were played last week found all four Senior Chinese teams entering the second round, and the next round will certainly find two of these four clashing. Most of them had quite an easy passage, but Sing Tao were decidedly fortunate to emerge winners by the only goal scored. Thanks to the brilliant efforts of their keeper, Cheung Wing-choi, they managed to survive; this was not the first occasion in which the keeper had saved them from defeat.

The only league game this week in which a surprise may be caused will be in the Navy-Eastern game to-morrow. Navy have been weakened by the transfers of three of their best players, namely, Robinson, Honeywell and Phippens. But against that they have now included Giff, Layhe and Wharmley; and Giff to my memory has played quite a few useful games.

Giff has the making of an excellent custodian, and his displays have been worthy of his predecessor. In this department, the Navy need have no fear. Both Layhe (I believe he has been promoted from the second eleven) and Wharmley are stout defenders, and the latter should develop into a first class back. With the robust Brit on the left, Navy's intermediate line, if they are able to co-ordinate, should be able to counteract the moves of the fast Chinese forward line.

But the mainstay of the Navy's defence will be found in their pair of hard-kicking backs, whose past displays have stamped them as a class by themselves. Eastern's forwards will have to be extraordinarily alert to get past them. Roughley will find Hau Ching-tau a nuisance with his dashes but O'Regan should be able to cover Chung Yung-sum.

Loose Forwards

I have in the past harped on the individualism of the Navy's forwards, and here again, their rise or fall will depend to a great extent to-morrow on whether they will be able to play as a team. There is always that lack of combination in them as a unit which has lost them many a game.

Eastern will, in all probability, play with the old team now that N. Z. Lee is back in Shanghai. The defence will be the same as last week, and the only change will be that C. T. Tzao will take over his old berth. As a team, Eastern can always be relied upon to come off, and now that their chances of overhauling the league leaders are still bright—as a slip by Sing Tao or South China will place them again in a fighting position—they cannot afford to take matters lightly.

The strength in the two teams will be found in attack, where the Chinese have the edge over the sailor. The sailors' defence will have to be on the alert, and if support from their attack is forthcoming, and provided the defence is able to hold out, a

Week-End Soccer League Games

The following are the Hongkong Football League fixtures for the week-end.

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Sing Tao v. Kowloon (Club) 4.15 p.m.
Police v. R. Scots (Boundary) 4.15 p.m.
South China v. St. Joseph's (Caroline Hill) 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

K. C. Che v. R.A.S.C. (St. Joseph's) 2.45 p.m.
Sing Tao v. Club (Club) 2.45 p.m.
R.A.O.C. v. R.E. (Military) 4.15 p.m.
Police v. Kowloon (Boundary) 2.45 p.m.
30th R.A. v. M'xex (Stanley) 2.45 p.m.
South China v. K. Wah (Caroline Hill) 2.45 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

Shell v. R.E. (St. Joseph's) 4.15 p.m.
R.A.M.C. v. 35th R.A. (Military) 2.45 p.m.

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

Navy v. Eastern (Navy) 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

Navy v. R. Scots (Navy) 2.45 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

30th R.A. v. Signals (Sookunpoo) 4.15 p.m.
20th R.A. v. 7th R.A. (Sookunpoo) 2.45 p.m.
International v. A.S.A. (Chatham Road) 2.45 p.m.
R.A.F. v. 24th R.A. (Chatham Road) 4.15 p.m.

surprise in this match is not impossible.

Can Kowloon Do it?

ALTHOUGH beaten last week by Kwong Wah in the shield, I am certain Kowloon will go all out to oust the league leaders from their present standing. They have a tall order ahead of them as Sing Tao will fight tooth and nail to maintain their present standing.

Even with new blood like B. Gosano, Pereira and Remedios, Kowloon to Page 5, Column Three



An Eastern forward scores in the Senior Shield soccer match against the Combined R.A. last Sunday after drawing Minshall, the R.A. custodian, out of his charge. The Chinese won the encounter by three goals to nil.—Ming Yuen.

Canuckettes And Wahoos Top-spot Softball Card

(By "BALL FAN")

THE MAPLE LEAF Canuckettes and Fan Leo's shamrock Wahoos are scheduled to top-spot a revised five game softball programme at the Kowloon ball park over the week-end. The girls' encounter has been earmarked "all-important" and the gashouse gang should be out there in full force.

THE MEN'S SENIOR LOOP will feature the leading St. Joseph's burly ballhawks in an easy win over the lowly Filipino Club. The fast travelling Indians are booked to take on C. B. C. while the Marauding Mohawks will be out to resume their winning ways with Omar's Cyclones as their victims.

THE crummy V.R.C. nine have a golden chance to tie up the leadership in the Junior loop with a win over Royal Scots. Recreio Bees clash with R.A.F. for the third place spot, while Liga take on an improved South China gang.

Opening the five game card at K.F.C. the star-studded Wildcats should find easy pickings in smashing a one-sided cage-score against the "down, out and yonder" Las Florinas team. This game is set for 9.30 a.m. The

However, hurler Mary Ng, who of Hongkong slubsters, is tossing them over in brilliant fashion, and will rally her teammates together for a last-ditch stand.

The greenshirts Owls also lay plenty of hope on their mound star Terry Noronha, and this tough-going game should develop into a mound duel, with the team playing steadier ball called to win.

Task For Indians

THE flashy Indian ball chasers take on Abe Liu's C.B.C. boys at 12.30 p.m. with Harry Campos, V. Marques and Al Leonard refereeing. Fresh from their spectacular victory over the Mohawks, which pushed them up into the pennant fight, the Indians must play top-notch ball to defeat the Chinese gang who are always in there hustling. George White, Bud Fisher and Ducky Lim have been playing classy ball behind the steady influence of the veterans, and with Nip Lum, Tommy Chan, Wally Ching, et al playing heady ball, real trouble is always ahead for the opposing teams out there on the diamond.

AT 1.45 p.m. St. Joseph's league-leading ball hawks meet Dave Amper's Filipino Club with A.R. Kitchell, K. Nazarin and A.N. Other calling them.

The Saints pack too much willow-power for the Island boys and should breeze home with a win in a mere whiff.

Moundsman Charlie Manson will be seeking his third straight triumph, while Dave, the old terror himself, Stan Leonard and George Sousa will be out to make it a real running afternoon for the Island outer garden trio.

THE nightcap at 8 p.m. will bring together the five nation Mohawks and A. M. Omar's fighting hurricane boys from Cycloneville. The Tribe threat was silenced last week by a spectacular playing Indian nine, and Honus Waggoner's braves must take this one to remain in the flag chase.

After a session in the dugout, Cy Jones is slated to start on the mound. TURN to Page 5, Column Four

League Standing

LADIES' LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.
Canadian Chinese	9	1	.900
Wildcats	9	1	.900
Wahoos	7	3	.700
Pathfinders	7	3	.700
Cardinals	6	6	.500
Recreio	5	7	.417
Las Florinas	3	9	.250
Chung Hwa Maroons	0	11	.000

MEN'S LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.
St. Joseph's	8	2	.800
Indians	8	3	.727
I.K.B.C. Mohawks	6	3	.667
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recreio	5	4	.555
Chinese Baseball Club	3	5	.375
Filipino Club	2	7	.222
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000

Second Division

	W.	L.	P.C.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	8	1	.889
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Recreio B	6	3	.667
Cosmopolitans	6	4	.600
South China	4	4	.500
Liga Portuguesa	3	5	.375
Royal Scots	3	5	.375
Royal Artillery	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

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petite fleur gals (in their rookie year at this sport, have shown keen interest in learning the fundamentals of the game, and were all pulling for them to continue their display of eagerness which should bring about improvement—in time. Nick Beltrano, Charlie Figueroa and C. Marques are booked to handle this one.

"Do or Die" Game

AT 11 a.m. with Doc Molthen, K. Nazarin and A.N. Other calling them, the Maple Leaf lassies clash with Fan Leo's Wahoos in a crucial "do or die" game. The Canuckettes played terrible "two-time" ball last week in losing to the Wildcats.

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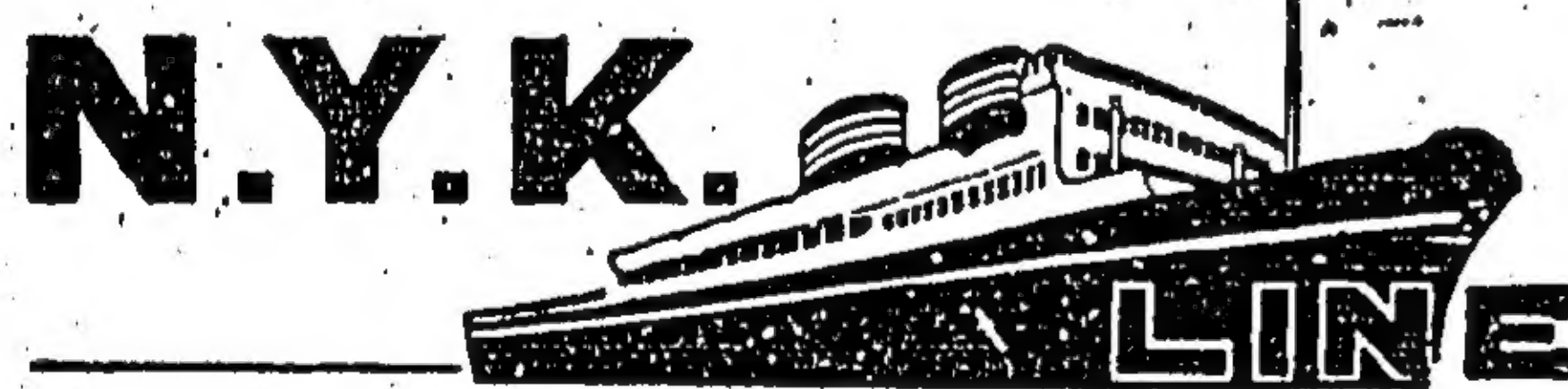
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Leading Soccer Teams Expected To Win Games

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loon's efforts were unavailing, and despite the good work put in by the defence, the forwards with the exception of Gosano were not so very impressive. Against Sing Tao, they will no doubt be on a much better footing, and here again, the defence will have to be their backbone.

Mak Shui-hon was able to adapt himself immediately to the play of Hou Yung-sang last week, and therefore the absence of Lee Tin-sang was not so much felt. The defence is now quite sound, and with Cheung Wing-choi playing at the top of his form, Kowloon will find it pretty tough going to penetrate their defence.

The forwards can always be relied upon to obtain goals. The two wingers are now capable enough to do their share of the work and with the wizard Fung King-cheung supplying the deft touches the League leaders should maintain their standing.

Wise Police Move.

A good game should be seen at Boundary Street where the guardians of the law are entertaining the Royal Scots to-day. Though their win over the Royal Navy is still fresh in their minds, Police will still have to play better football in order to overcome the soldiers.

A new player in Mak Hon-fan in the Police defence is certainly an asset to them. No wonder they are able to relegate Parker to the Junior division. Police are still a menace to any senior team.

Now that they have included at least four Chinese players in their line up, it appears to me that this wise move is all for the better, and so far the Chinese players have more than pulled their weight. The Royals will be playing with almost the same team, and with Fraser and Naysmith on top of their form and with Bankier better than ever, the Police will certainly have to be good to win. Auld has now adapted himself to first division football. Larkins, a newcomer on the extreme left, is quite an acquisition, and his last display was good. With Auld leading the attack, Royal Scots should be able to give the Policemen a run for the points, and I predict that a division of the spoils will be the result.

Saints Weakened

DUE to injuries and other causes, the Saints have now found themselves very depleted in personnel, and the absence of Sammy Tsang in goal was badly felt. Auld, who has deputised for him, is yet very raw. The brunt of the Saints' work has so far fallen on the shoulders of D. Leonard, Bowen and Hussain, although the services of Lau Wing-kong in the intermediate line have been seen to good advantage.

Gomes has been on the injured list, and if he is fit again, his partnership with Cruz will constitute a danger, what with the roving methods of their leader MacDonald. Their forward line, although small in stature, is quite fast on the whole, but very often lack of combination has spoilt many a good game for them.

South China, on the whole, will find very little difficulty in overcoming the Saints, as their present line-up is good enough to withstand any opposition. Their defence is playing right at top form, and should easily keep the Saints in check.

The forwards are a fast and brassy lot, and goals are their specialty. Chow Man-chi has now developed into a schemer, and he has often paved the way to goals. Faced without the services of Lee Wai-long, their game to-day will prove no problem to them.

Owing to Volunteer duties, the Club are unable to field a team, and their match against the Middlesex to-day has been postponed.

Canuckettes In Softball Card

(Continued from Page 4.)

this week in an effort to halt the speedy Cyclone crowd.

Since their brilliant victory over the U.S. Navy on New Year's day, the Iroquois tomahawk-wielders have had a real long session with old man slump and are due to break away with a "heap big" spree at any time now.

References for this one are Johnny Alvarez, Al Leonard and A. V. Gosano.

Junior Loop

IN the Junior loop, South China clash with Liga Portuguesa in a mid-section game at 9 a.m. Bill Kwan's Chinese boys almost took the leading Chung Hwa nine into camp last week and are favoured to take this one against Daddy Sousa's ball tossers.

Michaelmas Mendonca's Recreio Bees will attempt to put the sting sign on the high-flying R.A.F. fighters. The third place spot is at stake in this important tilt, and both teams will be in there with the "all out to win" signal labelled on their willow-wands.

At 11.30 a.m. V.R.C. are favoured to come through with a win over Royal Scots which will land them in a tie for the leadership with Chung Hwa.

The aquatic stars show a dazzling pair in Roy Maxwell, fast moving shortstop, and Ernie Ribeiro, fly-shagging left fielder, and should take this game in a hurry.

The following is the programme:

GIRLS LEAGUE

(at K.F.C.)

9.30 a.m. Las Florinas Vs. Wildcats
11.00 a.m. Canuckettes Vs. Wahoos

MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

(at K.F.C.)

12.30 p.m. Indians Vs. C.B.C.
1.45 p.m. Filipino Club Vs. St. Joseph's

3.00 p.m. H.K.B.C. Vs. Cyclones

SECOND DIVISION

(at Chatham Road)

9.00 a.m. South China Vs. Liga.
10.15 a.m. Recreio B. Vs. R.A.F.
11.30 a.m. Royal Scots Vs. V.R.C.

INTER HONG

(at Marina Ground)

10.30 a.m. Hongkong Bank Vs.

Garrison Snooker League Starts

Royal Army Medical Corps, who have one of the strongest teams in the Garrison Snooker League, made an excellent start this week when they made a clean sweep against Signals "A", who were beaten by six frames to nil. Other scores were: Royal Corps of Signals and Garrison Military Police shared six frames; R.A. Sergeants' Mess, Stanley, and Royal Engineers "A" shared six frames; Royal Engineers Sergeants' Mess beat Pay Corps five frames to one.

GOVERNOR AT BOWLS

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, will entertain the Bowlers at Government House on Wednesday at 3 p.m.

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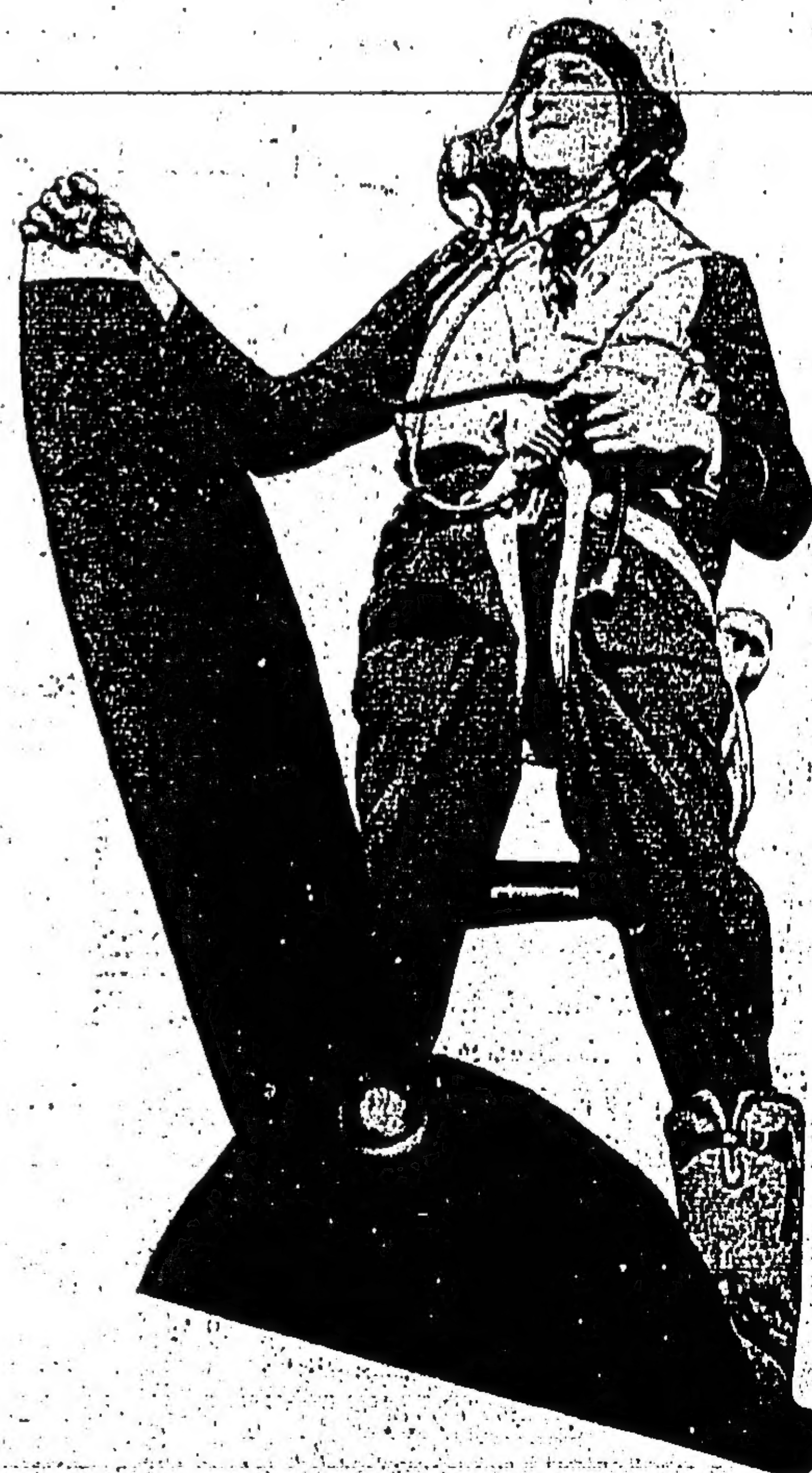
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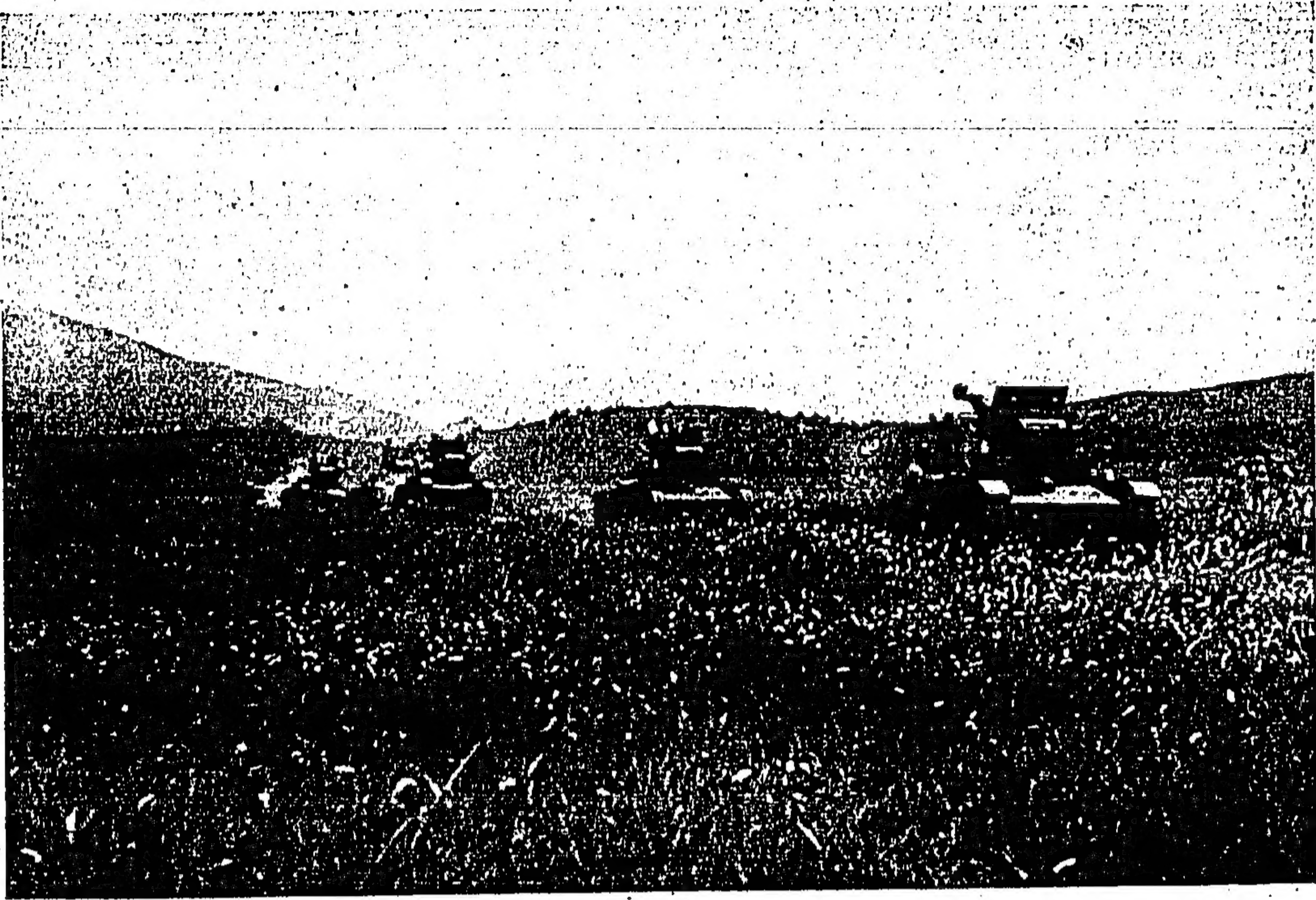
Second Section

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Magazine Features

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1941.

Many units are now mechanised. Here is a tank column undergoing manoeuvres.



TRAINING CHINA'S NEW ARMIES



A radio telegraphy class in a field communications school.



Soldiers at machine-gun practice.

Guided by the experience derived from nearly four years of fighting and supported by increasing foreign aid, China is to-day steadily moulding a modern army which she believes will not only restore her national independence but will contribute its share towards the wider struggle to defeat all the anti-democratic forces that now threaten civilisation. The pictures on this page provide some glimpses into the training of this new army.

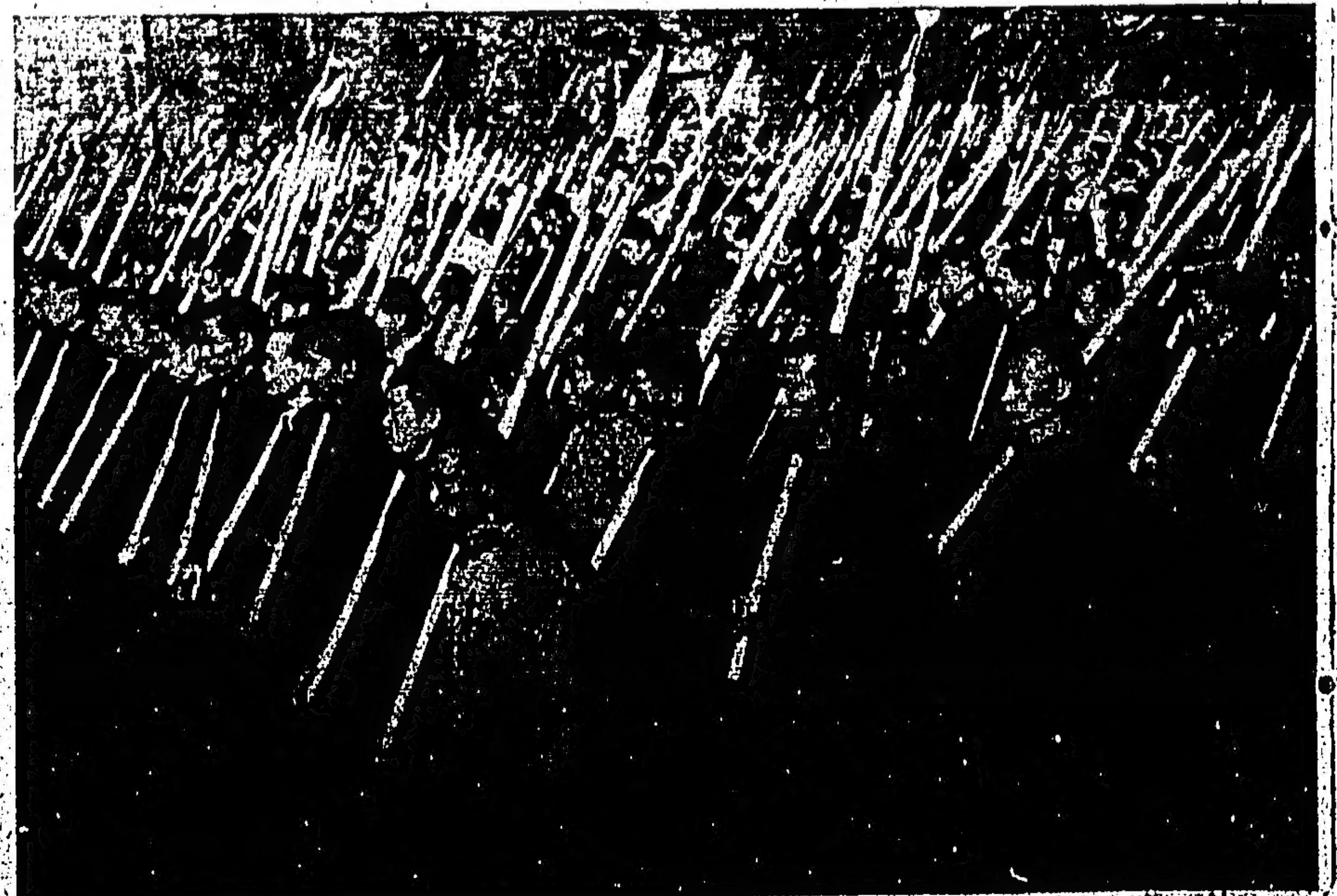
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Though inclined to be capricious and a little uncertain in temper when the fancy (or, to be more accurate, the wind) takes them, they never tire in their well-doing. Winter and summer, cold or hot, rain or shine, they remain patiently on the alert. When the enemy seeks to cheat us of our food by sinking our convoys they keep him at bay; when he would dive low over our war factories and our homes they hold him at a distance.

Their primary duty is not to bring down raiders, though they have done so. They are designed to keep attacking aircraft at a height at which our guns and our fighters can get at them and from which no enemy, however skilled, can bomb with accuracy. In this they have succeeded handsomely.

A German pilot who would dive through the barrage is reckless indeed; he stands in grave peril of colliding with a cable which will tear the wings from his aircraft, sending it crashing to destruction.

Enough men to get things going had already received a specialised training. Those who were not in the regular Force had been along to the centres in their leisure time and had learned how to inflate and deflate a balloon, how to repair it and make new parts, how to handle a winch, and so on. Since the threat of invasion they have been taught to use machine-guns and rifles.

Proved Its Worth
Nobody has ever pretended that a balloon barrage is a defence against indiscriminate bombing such as is the fate of London, but its presence does undoubtedly prevent raiders from selecting the targets they would like to hit. But for its balloons London would have suffered far more grievously from the thousands of bombs which have been rained on it.

That the Germans regard a balloon defence as a serious obstacle to their air activities is proved by the number of occasions on which fighters have been sent after them on special errands and over on special errands to destroy them. Many have been shot down, but as fast as one has been lost another has soared up to replace it. The importance attached to this form of defence is shown by the fact that almost every

method of the scheme. Soon to those who seek to destroy every vulnerable area, they are trusty, silent sentinels by night, watching over the sleeping millions below, and the same dependable friends to the busy throngs by day.

Like every other department of the R.A.F., the balloon defence has its own organisation. Balloon Command, with an air vice-marshal at its head, is responsible for the barrages throughout the country. Its regional control is maintained by groups, the largest of which is London. Four centres, corresponding to a division of the Service, subdivide the work of defending the Metropolitan area. Each centre maintains its squadrons, flights, and balloon sites.

Methods & Men

The men who look after the balloons are a judicious blending of regulars, volunteer reservists, and auxiliaries. The Command is no war-time mushroom growth. Its roots had been planted firmly some time before hostilities began, so that when "the balloon went up" there existed a carefully planned scheme, linked up with the anti-aircraft batteries, for protecting our large cities and industrial areas.

Carrying On Alone

Thousands of yards of the specially proofed cotton fabric are used in the workshops for repairing the gas containers and making the air-filled "fins," or stabilizers, which give the balloons their animal-like appearance. Men do the heavier work, but the women of the W.A.A.F. have proved themselves expert in cutting and stitching the fabric.

Women's Help In Work

Power-driven sewing machines enable a new part to be fitted in an incredibly short time. Surface parts which have to take the heaviest strain are reinforced on the inside by circular disks, known as diaphragms, and by strong tape. The women do this work, too.

Before a new balloon is put into service it is inflated with air by high-speed pumps in an inspection hangar. The same thing happens before and after a balloon is repaired. In these days of widespread raids, when heavy anti-aircraft batteries are put up to defeat them, repair work is fairly heavy, because

balloons are always liable to be punctured by shrapnel. It is of the utmost importance that the repairs and regular examinations should be carried out efficiently, for a leaking balloon becomes filled with a dangerous mixture of gas and air.

Every day each balloon in service is inspected, and unless the gas sample shows a regular degree of purity the container is deflated and refilled with new gas, which is sent out daily from the centres on specially designed trailers.

Daily supplies of food also are distributed by lorry from the centre direct to the flights, each of which has its own cooking facilities. The catering officers are men who are in the business in civil life; the butchers and chefs also are professionals. They have the most up-to-date kitchens and ovens, so that the men get excellent and varied food, cooked in a manner worthy of a first-class hotel. (This is no overstatement, I know because I have tasted it myself.)

How The Men Are Fed

Supplies are purchased in accordance with a diet sheet varying from day to day for each squadron. This not only ensures the men a change of food but prevents waste. At the centres' cookhouses the staffs make their own brawn, sausages, pressed beef, and salt beef. Since men operating in rural districts have been found to possess healthier appetites than those on city and town sites and in offices, they are given the heavier food.

When the meals have been prepared by the flight cooks they are taken by a quick delivery service to the crews on the site. The men say that this arrangement works quite satisfactorily. At the centres the cookhouses operate throughout the 24 hours.

Backs In A Team

Working under these conditions was excellent experience, for the manipulation of a balloon is by no means as easy as it looks. In a high wind a balloon will sometimes behave like a stubborn mule, kicking out suddenly and unexpectedly, trying to hook itself round trees or over house-tops, electric pylons, or telephone lines. An inexperienced crew could soon wreck a great deal of property, not to mention the balloons and cables.

Before a balloon is inflated it is stretched on a ground-sheet or bed connected to an intricate network of cables, pulleys, ground blocks, handling guys, and other mysterious tackle. The gas trailer is then brought up, and a 10-way filler is attached to the 10 cylinders at one end and the balloon intake at the other.

The inflation speed can be controlled by pressure. The winch is operated in exactly the same way as a motor-car. The driver switches on the engine, lets in the clutch, and the speed of sending up the balloon or bringing it down is governed by the pressure on the accelerator pedal.

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Private Life Of A Private

REAL SOLDIERS

Further extracts from the diary of a journalist who is now a soldier.

THROUGH the hot, dry days we stamped the face of the earth to dust under our iron heels.

Now the rain comes down in perfectly straight dull grey lines, sloped like the bayonets of the Guards.

We, under a roof, have completed an hour of revision, going over the Short Lee-Enfield magazine rifle point by point.

"And that," says the Sergeant, "is that. The Short Lee-Enfield Rifle, Mark Three, firing .303 ammunition. Weight, eight pounds ten ounces.

"At Battalion you stop being rookies, and you become great big hairy soldiers. Here, you see, we lick you roughly into shape. Like metal—we cast you. At Battalion they finish you.

"Listen. Here, we take the first rough edges off you; teach you the ropes. Here, you haven't got no responsibility, except to your King and Country; and no initiative.

"You're told every little thing you've got to do. You're herded about like sheep. Which you are—especially you, Ginger.

"All the time you're here, you're recruits: sort of apprentices. Don't imagine you're soldier yet: you're not.

"They make real soldiers out of you at Battalion.

"You've been grouching about not having any freedom here. Well, at Battalion you'll be free men. You can go out evenings if you like. Nobody tell you what to do.

"But you've got to get your work done. Go about with your boots in tripes, and you'll go straight in the book. There aren't no spit-and-polish parades from 4 to 7 there— you use your own time, and God help you if you're lazy.

"And remember, your rifle is your best friend. The barrel must be kept spotlessly clean; the action must be cleaned bright and slightly oiled. When you get to Battalion, they shove you in the cooler for a dirty rifle—and rightly so."

Puttock, the Surrey man, the son of the soil with the eyes of a baby and the bones of a bull, says:

"What happens at Battalion, please, sergeant?"

Puttock so rarely speaks that we all look round at him. The Sergeant replies:

"Meanwhile, my pretty lads, you'll drill, you'll spit and you'll polish; and the better you shape the sooner you move up one. Get it? It's like leaving school and standing on your own feet!"

"We get it."

"Soon you'll be fit to leave here and go on to real training. You'll be free men, apart from your duties. Well? What more can a man want? Liberty—if you can be trusted to use it."

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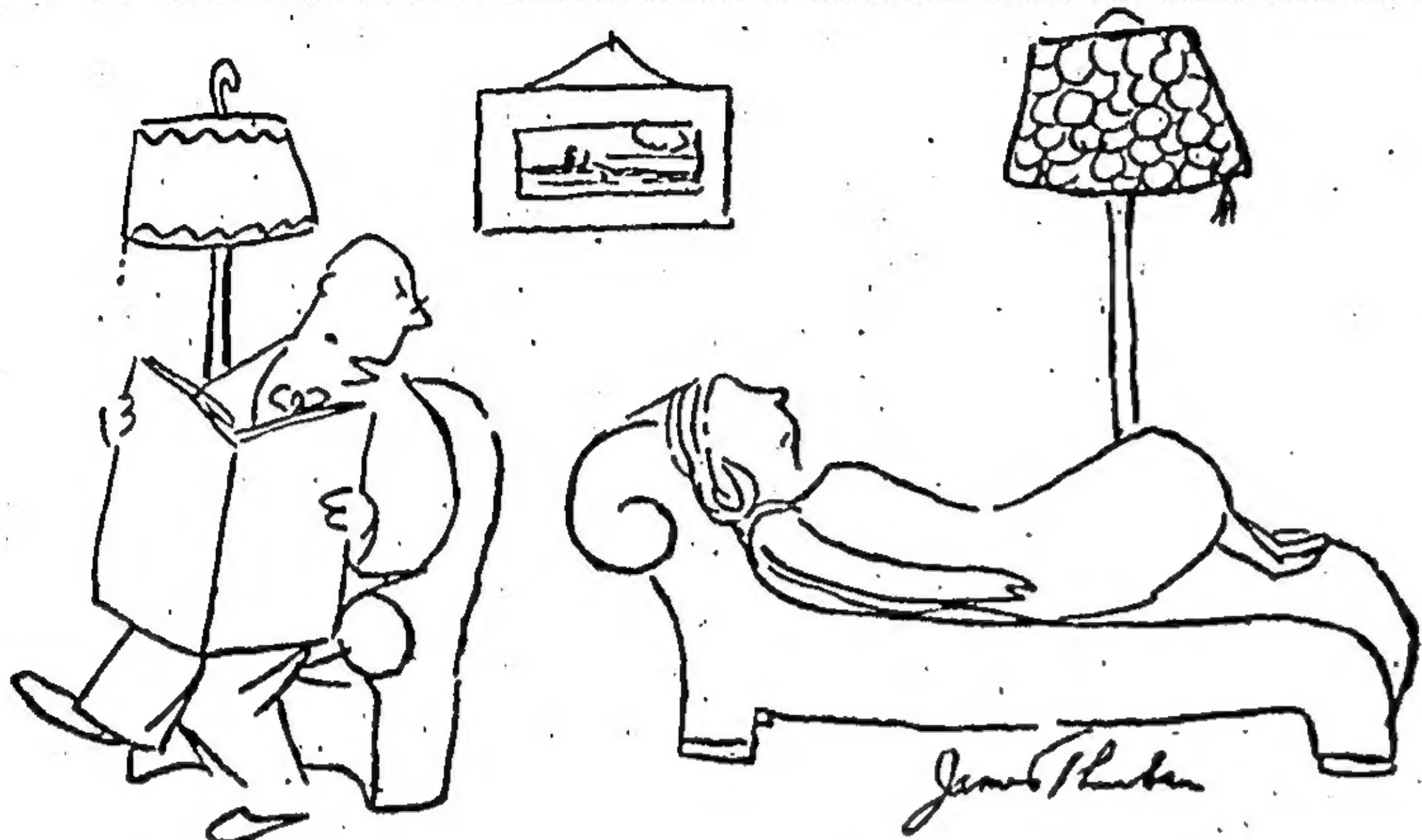
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



"I do love you. I just don't fool like talking military tactics with you."

A disgrace to the Prayer Book!

By the Rev. W. Rowland Jones

CAROLE LOMBARD, fighting not only an epidemic, but a stubborn Authority which refused to spend money to help her, uttered a telling line in A. J. Cronin's film-play, "Vigil in the Night."

Heartbroken in her unequal struggle, where money could have saved little children's lives, she cries, "So much for everything else, so little for the sick!"

I shall remember the line, because I saw the film immediately after visiting a sick girl in hospital, who, for her cure, needed oxygen.

"I can't have any more," she said, "because in war-time it is too expensive."

So much for everything else, so little for the sick!

Hospitals In Need Of Funds

It isn't only in war-time that we thus so completely forget to practice our Christianity. In the year before the war our voluntary hospitals had to make do with 18 million pounds, which would have kept our armed forces, in peace-time, for just three weeks.

We are so proud of our voluntary hospitals—these shining examples of our national religion—yet, in that year, 1939, they could not pay their way!

We loved them into a huge deficit. The London hospitals alone found themselves overdrawn by nearly a million pounds.

So much for everything else, so little for the sick!

Perhaps a film case could be made out for saving money on healing during war-time. Could any sort of case be made out for what has recently been reported in the daily Press?

When market-gardeners of Lancashire found that they could not sell lettuce at a profit their vitamin-yielding produce was destroyed. It never occurred to them to give it to the sick. Or would that have been heresy against the God of Profit?

When there was a glut of fruit in the South, and the growers wished to send it either to the hospital four miles away, or to the Army camps, they could not get it conveyed. Petrol was wanted for more important things.

Wrong Way To Talk To Invalids

Why is it that in our Christian civilization we are so casual and so close-fisted in our concern for the sick? I suggest that it is largely due to our Churches' wholly unchristian explanation for the existence of disease.

As a clergyman of the Established Church I am instructed, in the case of sickness, to go into the sick person's house and tell him in unmistakable phrases why he is thus stricken down.

I have to say, first of all, that it is the doings of Almighty God. I have to tell the poor sufferer, whatever the nature of his disease, that he is to know, certainly, that it is God's visitation.

I have also to remind him what a stern and relentless Father he has in Heaven, who is really chastising him with fatherly correction. I have to urge the poor creature to take everything in good part, because the arrival of some painful disease is only a sign of God's love. I am instructed to misinterpret some passages from the Epistle to the Hebrews and thus prove that disease is something sent to us for our good by Divine providence.

How very comforting for the sick person!

When I was a candidate for Ordination the Bishop's chaplain asked me what I would do if there was a sick person in my parish. I replied: "If I wanted him to die, I would use the Prayer Book Service for the Visitation of the Sick!" Strangely enough, they passed me.

This teaching is contrary to the teaching of Christ. He spent three-quarters of His time on earth healing the sick, and openly said that disease was the work of the Devil, not God.

He would not even allow people to say that sickness was inevitably the result of sin. "Who did sin," they asked him, "this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither!" came the abrupt reply.

Some diseases are the result of the ungodly acts of man—overeating, over-drinking, lust, malice. But no question of Divine punishment is implied; it is an obvious law of cause and effect.

God is Light, and Life, and Health, and if man will live his life in harmony with God's laws, he will enjoy these precious gifts.

Ninety per cent. of sickness is preventable, if we are prepared to spend our money without stint and use our devoted doctors and research scientists for healing, without limiting their efforts.

How ready we are to use them for the purpose of destruction!

Disease Due To Lack Of Food

Medical men tell us that the chief cause of disease in this country is under-nourishment.

Sir George Newman, for 28 years Medical Officer to the Board of Education, says: "A substantial portion of our total population is not as well nourished as it ought to be in order to maintain full health and resistance to infection."

Sir George says that in 1910 it was stated by the Board of Education that defective nutrition stood in the forefront as the most important of all physical defects from which children suffer.

"That declaration," says Sir George, "has never been disputed. IT IS STILL TRUE TO-DAY."

He says that man's conquest of disease and premature death, although it may have been halting and hesitant, has now become decisive. All that is needed for the defeat of this enemy in a war that never ceases is the better application of medical knowledge by the State, and its wider usage by the people.

In the new world, which we ought now to be planning if we are to win the Peace, conquest of sickness must become a paramount concern.

The Church, if it is to gain the respect of the people, must lead in that attack. It cannot lead if it allows medieval and mistaken platitudes about disease to fill its service books.

Treasures Of The Church

There is a fine story of a clergyman in Rome who discovered the city slums teeming with sick. He sold his possessions and persuaded the bishop to sell the gold vessels of the churches and use wooden ones, in order to mitigate the sufferings of the diseased.

The authorities became suspicious and arrested him. "Surrender the Church's treasures!" they demanded. "It will take many wagons," he said.

Next day there rumbled into the Forum a great procession of wagons, full of blind, crippled, lepers.

"These," said the clergyman, "are the Church's treasures!"

You don't talk or act like that if you think disease is a fatherly chastisement from God. You do if you are convinced that it is of the devil, and that, by God's power, it can be conquered.

Why is it that Church and State will not expunge such blasphemy from our State prayers? Why is it that they are content to propagate the lie that God is the Author of disease?

In a humble attempt to de-carbonise the cylinders of a Church which won't get a move on to change the world, I give you the reason—

IT IS EASY TO BLAME GOD FOR THINGS WE CAN GET RID OF OURSELVES, BUT WON'T BECAUSE WE REALLY WORSHIP ANOTHER GOD CALLED MONEY! ONE OF THOSE THINGS IS SICKNESS; ANOTHER—WAR.

The New Aesop

THE IMPOSTOR

A CERTAIN Jackal who had been lucky enough to be the Lion's friend in the last great fight against the Vulture grew vain and ambitious.

So conceited did he become that he procured a Lion's skin, and covering himself in it strutted around the jungle saying, "Look at me! Am I not a Lion? And am I not a younger, more virile and braver Lion than any of you have ever seen before?"

The other animals were dubious yet somewhat impressed.

"Let us hear you roar," they said.

At this the Jackal opened his throat and roared as loud as he could. It is true that his voice was really a tenor, but it was very loud and res-

A newspaper correspondent on board a British cruiser in the Mediterranean thought he was going to see a naval battle, but instead saw how

THE DUCE'S FLEET RAN

WITH the biggest naval engagement of the war but a few minutes away, a broad-shouldered sailor stood on the pom-pom deck in front of me, with both thumbs sticking up and a wide grin on his face.

"The Italians are going to get it this time, if they don't run home to mother before we can get at them," he said.

His words typified the spirit of the whole force of British ships as we plunged along at full speed to engage what we knew to be a superior enemy force.

Out on the horizon were at it believed to have sustained least two battleships, one of the damage. The only damage to latest Littorio class, and one of our force was two shell hits on the Cavour class, seven cruisers, the Berwick, four 8-inch and three 7-inch, and about twelve destroyers.

SMOKE SCREEN

Our hopes ran high as the enemy appeared to be turning towards our battle line, consisting of the 8-inch gun cruiser Berwick and a large number of other cruisers and destroyers, the battle-cruiser Renown, the Flagship, and a battleship.

But twenty minutes after the action began the enemy threw out a smoke screen and fought the usual Italian rear action, while running at high speed for safety.

After a 50-minute pounding the enemy ships escaped northwards. Our ships were then within a few miles of the enemy coast and were forced to abandon the pursuit as the superior speed of the enemy ships had taken them out of range.

HEAVY TOLL

Our gunfire had taken heavy toll of the enemy. Aircraft from our cruisers and the Ark Royal reported that one Italian cruiser, believed to be an 8-inch, was on fire and burning furiously while a destroyer of the Grecale class had stopped, down by the stern and was listing slightly.

The enemy ships, having escaped from our guns, suffered a further battering in the afternoon from Swordfish bombers, who returned to report the scoring of a torpedo hit on a 35,000-ton battleship of the Littorio class, another on an 8-inch cruiser of the Bolzano class, and there were two bomb near misses on a 6-inch cruiser which

verbated remarkably well. Then to show his courage he fell on a Blackbird and devoured it.

"Perhaps he really is a Lion," said the Cuckoo, and even the wicked old Vulture admired him and asked him to be his partner.

Then when the poor Mule, who was the Jackal's Mediterranean neighbour, had that terrible trouble with his left leg and his right, the Jackal bit the left leg so that it became useless.

"Now," screamed the Jackal, "who says I am not the king of beasts!"

Encouraged by all this, the Vulture attacked the real Lion and his friend the Cock, swiftly killing the Cock and then turning against his ancient enemy.

At this the Jackal, thinking the opportunity was expeditious, joined the Vulture, as he was certain he was going to win. The real Lion was very angry at this, and after a time he struck the Jackal a heavy blow which toppled him into the sea.

"You can't attack me here," whined the Jackal, "for this is my sea." The Lion uttered a deep roar and went into the water after him. Again he struck, and this time so hard that the Lion's skin fell right off the impostor.

"Mercy! Mercy!" screamed the Jackal. "Who will help me? Can't you see that I am only a poor Jackal and that I was just pretending to be a Lion?"

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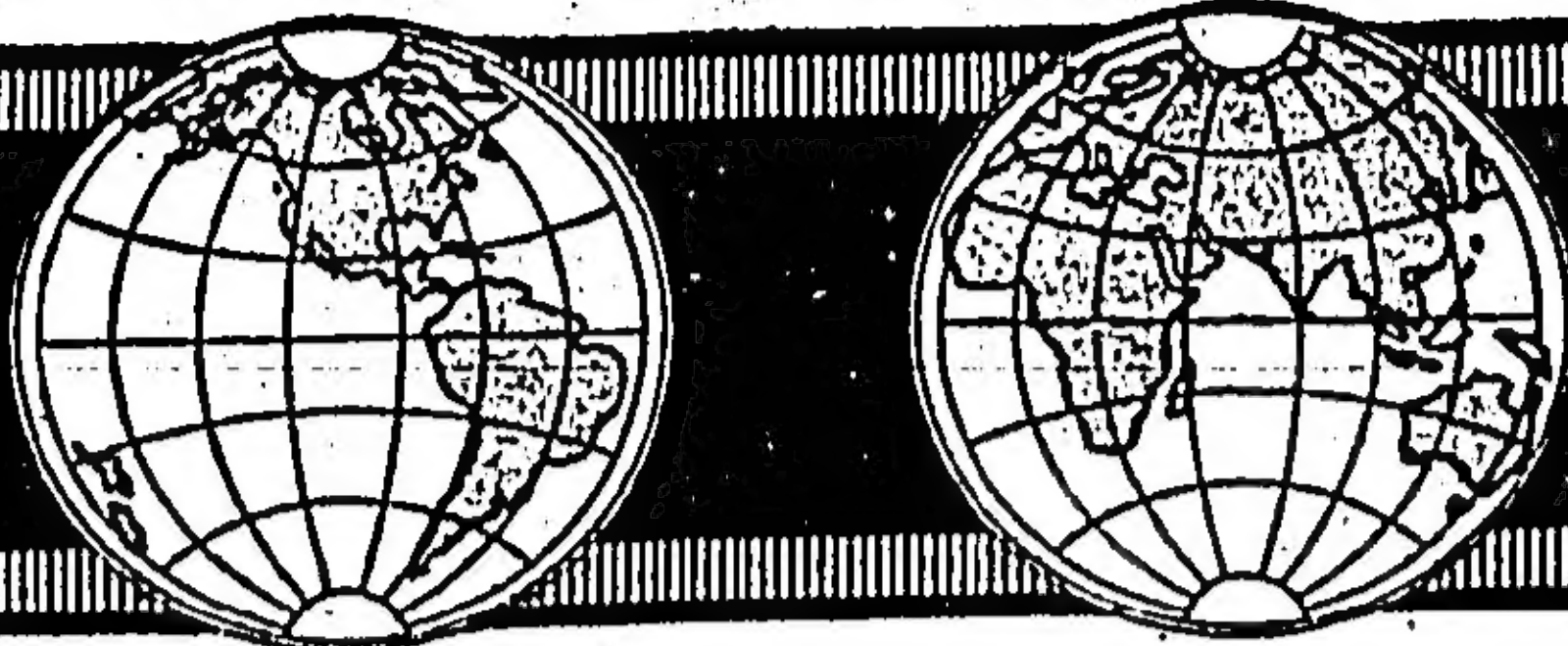
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LITTLE MEN who Saved BRITAIN

IN the noise of the crash of France a small cry was hardly heard. Yet it was important.

It represented the first act of real political imagination on the Allied side in this war. Winston Churchill offered complete union to France.

The offer came too late, but in it was the germ of a concept that might have saved the world this war and lined up the vital and revolutionary forces on the side of the Democracies instead of handing over their wanton exploitation and perversion to Adolf Hitler.

With that offer the political issue changed. Before that an Allied war aim had been the preservation of the complete national sovereignty of every European State, a policy which resulted in the "neutrality" rather than back.

The Turkish staff officer, particularly, has attained a high standard; and there are many senior officers and generals available with experience of the Great War and the War of Independence.

The young regimental officer is keen and distinguished for his leadership. He never forgets that the comfort and well-being of his men are supremely important things.

Consequently the relations between officers and men are excellent, and reminiscent, in some degree of those which obtained in the French Army, with "men ensembles" (my children) as the common form of address by officers to their men.

Though there was some shortage of material at the beginning of this war, recent urgent arrangements have made good many deficiencies.

The general equipment with which the Turkish Army would go into action now is first rate, and, indeed, is better than that of any other Balkan Army.

Mechanisation is not the overwhelming consideration which it has become elsewhere—chiefly for the reason that Turkish roads, on the whole, are not good, and consequently, set limits to the employment of mechanised forces.

The army, therefore, has been trained and equipped as a mobile force on auto-lines as are particularly suitable to the country in which it is most likely to be engaged. It does not lack anti-tank guns, and it has a good stock of A.A. artillery. Its coastal defences are good.

Any shortcomings of the Turkish Army in the past were due to the corruption of the old Imperial regime. That has gone. A spirit of virility and fiery patriotism is now linked with a consciousness of reform and efficiency.

It makes a combination which will never yield to the fashionable aggression.

Dunkirk: "It had the magical quality of a great Biblical story."

(From the painting by Charles Cundall.)

THE turning point, however, came at Dunkirk. At Dunkirk one Britain lost the war. At Dunkirk another Britain was born, to snatch destiny out of the hands that had sent it out to die.

In the daily poundings of the news upon our ears, and eyes and minds, where one event follows another in awful and terrific succession, we forget to-day what we read yesterday. But Dunkirk cannot be forgotten. Dunkirk was the miracle. Dunkirk has about it the magical quality of a great Biblical story, of a King Arthur legend.

They were not saved by the men in top-hats and striped trousers, the men who went grousing shooting in Scotland and reckoned how one could defend Britain and still not wreck the economic system. (What happens to an economic system when a nation falls?) They were saved by themselves and by the people of England. They came home filled with rage and filled with a sense of wonder.

They had a story to tell, a story of a battle against insuperable odds, of a battle fought without the protection of planes and without heavy tanks—the story of the miracle, of the little men from the coasts who saved them with the help of God.

I write these words soberly. I am reporting what scores of men and women in England have written to me. "God means 'England to do something.' 'I never felt like that before in all my life. It was as though every one was your brother.' 'It was like the Children of Israel when God parted the Red Sea.'"

A NATION belongs to the people who will die to save it. At Dunkirk was demonstrated that the little men of England would die to save it.

Great Britain has not belonged to the people. That beautiful hierarchy of title and wealth and commoners was a political democracy, but no social democracy.

But Dunkirk is almost an allegory for a strange sort of social revolution. That social revolution now goes on from day to day.

Polar and Silvertown—London's worst slums—are bombed out of existence and their inhabitants evacuated to Mayfair.

The Army was the miracle. The Army and a relief force that sprang out of every village and hamlet on the coast of England.

There was no time to mobilise this force. No time to train them.

It was the spontaneous rising of men who go down to the sea in ships, in boats, in smacks, in barges, in yachts; old men with their faces lined and hardened by the sea wind; boys, too young and go to war, who know how to cratic families, but the little tuck a sail and wield an oar. Princesses, Elizabeth and Mary and draw in nets; mechanics, who were skilful at repairing a rudder or handy in an engine-room; men in sou'westers, and boots, mobilised by a grapevine, taking to the sea to save the Army of Britain, and with it to save the land of Britain.

Thus, the war becomes a people's war, and the King does not receive the People, but the People include the King.

THE Straits of Dover became blacker with craft than the sky above was black with planes. The revolutionary clan of National Socialism falters against this new spirit. To this new spirit it has nothing to say.

Day by day the little men of Great Britain make Britain again great, and make it increasingly impossible for any human soul to become a Nazi. And that, in itself, is a victory.

For National Socialism will fall when no one else in the world can be persuaded to become a Nazi.

TURKEY'S armed strength

by

F. G. H. Salusbury

ARMED forces of Turkey, as an ally in specified circumstances of Great Britain and Greece, have been brought sharply into focus now that Greece has been plunged into war with Italy.

Part of those forces is already in Eastern Thrace, that part of Turkey-in-Europe which marches with Greece along the River Maritza, and on the North with Bulgaria.

What other defences can Turkey muster?

Her navy is small—one battle cruiser, two cruisers, four destroyers and half-a-dozen submarines.

Her air force is small by modern standards. Just over a year ago it consisted of 370 machines. To-day it is larger, though it is not known by how much—another 150 machines might be a conservative estimate.

It had a trained personnel of 8,350 officers and men.

One of its more picturesque personalities is Kemal Ataturk's adopted daughter, Sabiha Guekichen. She has a commission, and is married to a fellow-officer.

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..... In the picture above, Kenneth is seen at home with his fleet of model aircraft, which he is camouflaging with the aid of his paint box. The Air Ministry, as shown in their reply at the right, considers Kenneth too young at present. So Kenneth is impatiently waiting to grow up and do his part in defending his motherland.

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AIR RAID DAMAGE IN BRISTOL—The burnt-out Temple Church after the Nazis dropped incendiary bombs on the city.



AWARDED THE M.M. for gallantry in remaining at her post under aerial bombardment — Corporal Elspeth Candlish-Henderson, of the W.A.A.F. Her photo appears above.

BRITISH TROOPS ON GREEK SOIL—The Bishop of Canoe is seen blessing Bron gun carriers and light tanks which were recently sent to help the Greeks. British soldiers are operating the equipment.



FREE FRENCH—Men of the French Colonial Infantry are assisting the British in Africa. Here is a motorised detachment going to action.



CRASHED INTO CABBAGE PATCH—This was what happened to one of Goering's Messerschmidts during a raid on England. It was one of 27 shot down in the same day.



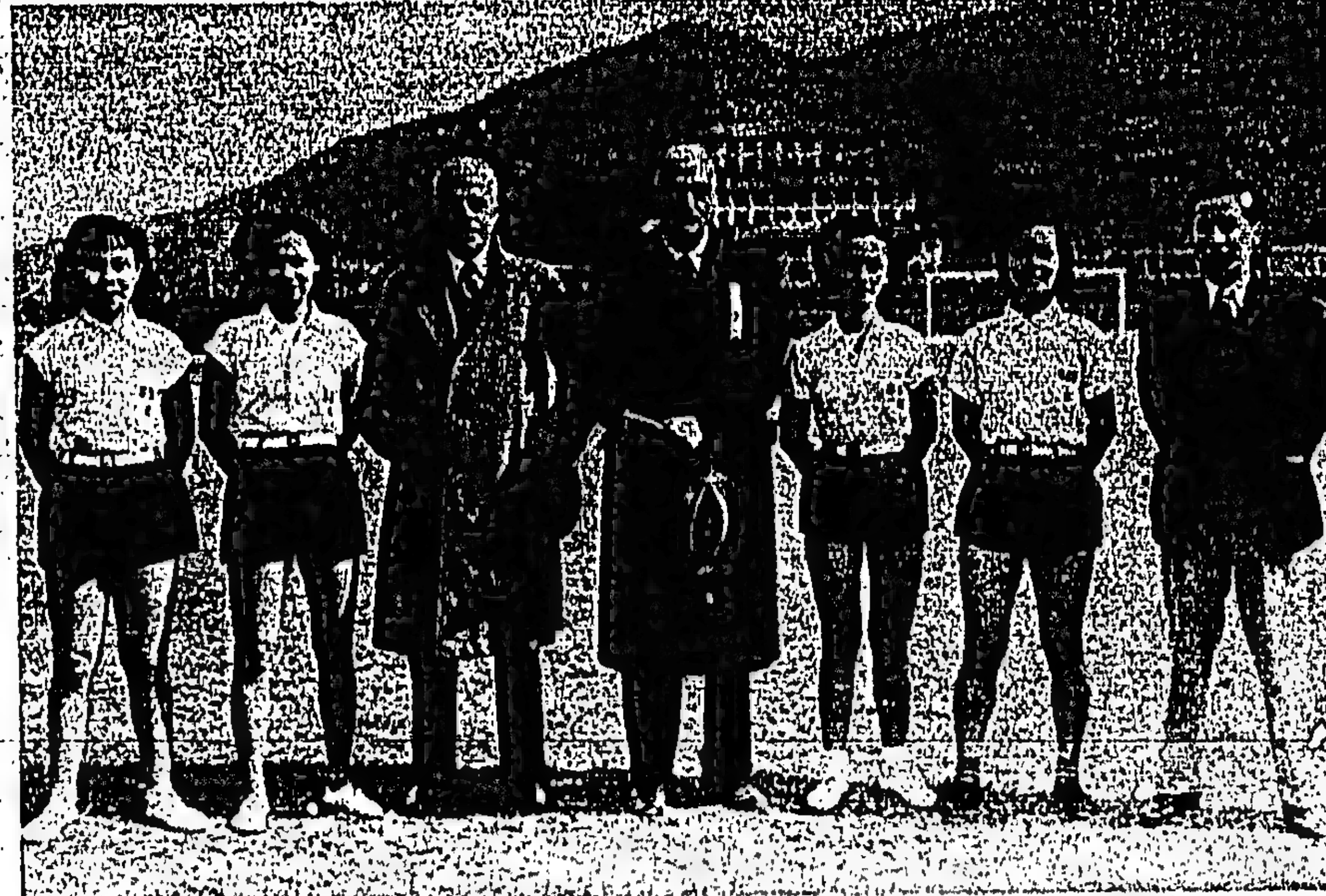
"BLOW THE MAN DOWN"—A bunch of British sailors having a good time ashore. What they lack in operatic training they more than make up for in volume.



CALL TO COLOURS—A trumpeter of General De Gaulle's Free French legions in Africa.



CATHEDRAL WEDDING—Group taken after the wedding at St John's Cathedral on Tuesday of Mr John Coleman Charter and Miss Yvonne Joyce Spencer Crowley. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



A.R.P. ATHLETICS—Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins and Major C. M. Mannors are seen above with the Shumshulpo Division team, winners of the 400-metres Inter-District Relay for Ladies at the A.R.P. sports last week. Below Wing Commander Steele-Perkins touches the tape first in a handicap flat race. Mr. H. R. Sequira makes a determined bid for second place, with Mr Tso Ka-po a close third. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



REGISTRY WEDDING—Mr and Mrs Chou Tien, who were married recently at the Registry. The bride was formerly Miss Shiu Ying. (Photo: England Studio).

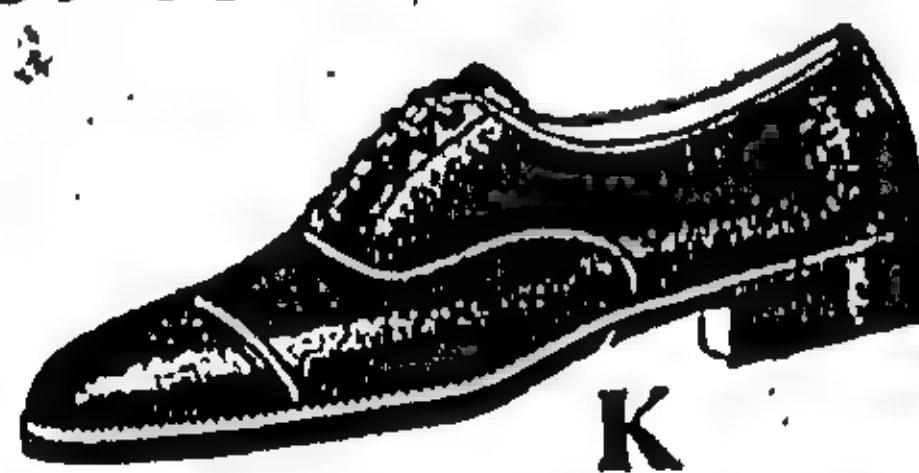


LA SALLE DANCE—A happy party snapped at the dance at the Peninsula Hotel last week organised by the La Salle Old Boys' Association. Seen in the picture are Mr Sonny Castro, Mr Micky Remodios, Mr Eddy Noronha, Miss Mildred Osmund, Miss Paula Hollands, Miss Ave Gosano, Miss Lolita Yvanovich, Mr Luigi Gosano, Miss Socorro Castro, Dr E. Gosano and Miss Nina Lopes. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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THE DRAMA BEHIND THE CAPTURE OF KORITZA

The Strange Vendetta of Voyin Popovich

WHO was the first man to enter Koritza and force the Italians out of it, slaying them as they ran? I am told it was Voyvoda Vuk, the War Wolf. There is no surprise in that, for Voyvoda Vuk has been the terror of the Italians among the Albanian mountains for years.

It was in 1914 I met him first. A small pack horse laden with what remained of a home trudged into the little Serbian town of Kraguevatz.

Leading the horse was a man. On the top of the pile of goods on the horse's back was his wife. Walking beside the man was a youth barely twenty years of age. That youth was Voyin Popovich. The three were refugees from the cruelties of the Germans.

Even as a child Voyin Popovich had seen crimes that would make men shudder. When he was still in his teens his father dedicated him to fight the enemy. The very children of the village played at "fighting the Germans." It was his playmates who first christened Voyin by the name of "War Wolf."

Comitadjis Rise

His father and mother were killed in the last war. Voyin swore a great oath. He joined the military college at Belgrade; but the army could not hold him.

He came back to what is called Albania, formed a band of men and took to the hills. He became a leader of comitadjis.

Comitadjis are mostly outlaws. Voyin and his men have lived in the mountains for years, refusing to accept Italian laws, opposing Italian troops wherever they could be met, performing deeds which ordinary mountaineers admitted were almost super-human.

To the Italians Voyin and his band were just comitadjis. To the Albanians, and to the Greeks, they were patriots fighting for freedom.

When the Italians began the invasion of Greece the comitadjis rose as one man. The Greek Staff asked them whom they wanted as leader. With one voice they cried, "Give us Voyvoda Vuk! Give us the War Wolf!"

With the nominal rank of colonel, Vuk prepared for the fight. When other troops were forming at Salonika, under the shadow of Mount Hortalach, Vuk was already on the warpath, with his thousand men.

They climbed up the Pindus mountains, and they were almost surrounded. The order came for Vuk to retreat. It was feared there was a trap for the War Wolf. Some of his men came to him and said this was the end, and advised him to make a finish of it and fight till they were all slain.

"My children," said Vuk, "I will lead you through the Italian ranks."

bandit war lord of Albania

BEHIND the eviction of the Italians from Koritza lies the dramatic story of a vendetta which has burned with implacable hatred since the invasion of Albania during the last war.

AND here, by a man who knew him in his early days, is an intimate portrait of the great Balkan patriot, Voyin Popovich, who is to-day leading the Albanian revolt against the deluded minions of the puffed-up Mussolini.

By STUART MARTIN

He did it. In the early morning when mist shrouded the peaks, he brought them into the valley, passing the Italian lines within half a mile, and crossed the frontier to the Morova Heights. The Greek staff gave him up for lost.

When he next reported his movements he was crossing the upper reaches of the River Devol, driving the Italian Alpini before him.

"How did you do it?" he was asked by his superiors.

"It was nothing," answered the Wolf. "My children and I know the mountains."

"You have saved our flank," said the staff.

The Wolf and his men marched on. They were used in desperate situations. They swept through the valleys around Mount Palaeomageron, they climbed the heights, left a trail of dead and disorganised enemy. They faced Mount Grammos.

There are three peaks here. The regulars had a feeble hold on one and needed reinforcements. Vuk called his men together. There were now about 700 of them.

"My comitadjis," he said, "we shall take the second peak to-night. To-morrow we shall take the third. What do you say?"

"We'll take it, Vuk!" they answered.

On the second peak they found the Alpini, and scattered them. On the third peak they met the Bersaglieri—Mussolini's crack regiment—and cut them to pieces, taking stores, guns, equipment.

They chased both the Alpini and the Bersaglieri down the slopes, then came back for the much-needed stores, for they were far ahead of their own supplies. But another hundred of Vuk's bravos lay still, never to march again.

Wanton Damage And Looting

"Where shall we go now, Wolf?" asked the remaining six hundred.

"To Koritza," replied the Wolf, as he honed his sword afresh. "To Koritza. There will be real fighting now, brothers; and I have an appointment with Colonel Branchini."

The comitadjis laughed grimly at that. Colonel Branchini was the Italian leader who had come for Vuk to retreat. It was put a price on the head of every comitadji, and a thousand drachmae on that of the Wolf, dead or alive.

They took Kryshtia, Kas-toria (next the lake), then pushed on to Bikhshita, then to Forni, then over to Changore, south of Mount Ivan. They stamped with rage and tears in

every village as they saw the devastation left by the retreating Italians.

Everywhere it was the same story. Houses wrecked, women and girls dishonoured, wanton damage to possessions, looting and burning. Old men had been shockingly mutilated. Children ravished.

At Changore the Wolf and his men knelt as a weeping priest of the Greek church gave them his blessing, asked them to remember all this when they advanced. The comitadjis swore to remember.

At last they crouched among the rocks and looked down on Koritza. They were there when the R.A.F. came over and bombed the enemy on the roads and in the town.

Flames That Lit The Skies

One of Vuk's scouts came with the news that several Italian divisions were retreating down the western slopes of the Morovan Heights. Another scout brought the information that a Greek force had crossed Lake Presba and was attacking Mount Ivan. A third revealed that more of the enemy were fleeing towards Pogradetz.

It was a great temptation to the Wolf to fall on the Italians going towards Pogradetz. That was the comitadjis' own country, wild and hilly. But Vuk bade his men postpone that.

"After Koritza, brothers," he said. "But first—Koritza—and Colonel Branchini."

All day on November 20 they watched the Greek shells battering the town. When darkness fell the flames of burning buildings lit up the sky. Vuk rose and addressed his men.

"I go to Koritza. At dawn look to see if the Italian flag still flies. If it does not fly, come down and meet me at the enemy headquarters."

"And if it still flies, Wolf?"

"Come and avenge me, brothers."

He took with him his old servant, a rugged, lean comitadji, and they disappeared in the gloom.

It was an hour before dawn when Vuk and his servant entered the suburbs, having passed over what had been the Italian line of defence outside the town. The old comitadji carried his rifle and bayonet, and at his girdle hung his long knife. Vuk had his sword and revolver.

The streets were swarming with trucks and vehicles leaving the town. Vuk marched to G.H.Q., where several cars were drawn up, panting. Two sentries were at the door. Behind them were several officers, one of whom stepped forward as the Wolf brushed past the sentries, began to hone his sword again.

"What do you want? Who are you?" he demanded.

"I come to offer my sword to Colonel Branchini. I shall tell him who I am."

"Here is Colonel Branchini coming."

Vuk saw, at the top of the stairs, a tall, pompous Bersaglieri, heavy with decorations. With him were four others.

With a leap the Wolf was up the stairs, his comitadji at his heels. They placed themselves so that their backs were to the wall and the Italians on the top step. The corridor was empty.

"Are you Colonel Branchini?" asked the Wolf quietly.

"I am Colonel Branchini. Who are you? What do you want?"

"I am Voyvoda Vuk." It seemed as if an unexpected thrill passed through the Italians. One of them drew his revolver, but the Wolf spoke softly.

"I have come to offer you my sword, Colonel Branchini."

The Wolf held his blade in his right hand. His revolver was in his left. Branchini misunderstood him, and made an attempt to be friendly.

"Your sword, Vuk? Hah, you can cover our retreat, you and your comitadjis."

"You misinterpret my meaning," interrupted the Wolf sternly. "I offer you my sword, as we comitadjis say. Listen. On the walls of Koritza are bills offering a reward for my head. I saw them as I entered the town. You drove me to the hills and hunted me and my men. Shall I tell you what we have seen on our march to Koritza?"

He spoke rapidly, telling of the ruined villages, the outraged girls and women, the mutilated men, the looted houses, the burnings, ending with the terrible words: "When a comitadji offers his sword he offers death."

The Italians fell back at his words, and one of the officers near Branchini made a movement. At the same moment Vuk's servant cried sharply: "Look out, my Wolf!" and lunged with his bayonet.

It was like the flash of a lizard's tongue. Out and in again. The officer who had drawn his revolver was down with a red trickle oozing from his chest.

They fought there at the top of the stairs, the two comitadjis and the other four Italians. The Wolf and his servant had their backs to the wall. They shouted their war cry as they fought, bayonet and sword against revolvers and sword.

Branchini made an attempt to run, but he only got two steps down when the Wolf caught him, dragged him back, slammed him against the wall, and ran him through. The other three Italians were already down.

Standing On The Italian Flag

Then Vuk and his man turned and ran up the next flight of stairs, along a corridor, then up a third flight and so to the flat roof.

With his sword Vuk cut down the Italian flag. Dawn had come. Down in the outskirts of the town Vuk saw his comitadjis running forward, bayonets gleaming. The Italians were fleeing before the avengers.

From the south of the town other Greek troops were coming, too, at the double.

Vuk came down the stairs with his old rugged comitadji. When the commander of the Greek regulars arrived at the building he found Vuk standing by the entrance surrounded by his men. He was standing on the Italian flag. The bodies of Italian officers and men lay on the steps, on the hall floor, on the staircase. Above them all lay Branchini, stiff and stark.

"My comitadjis and I give you Koritza," said the Wolf gravely, respectfully; and he began to hone his sword again.

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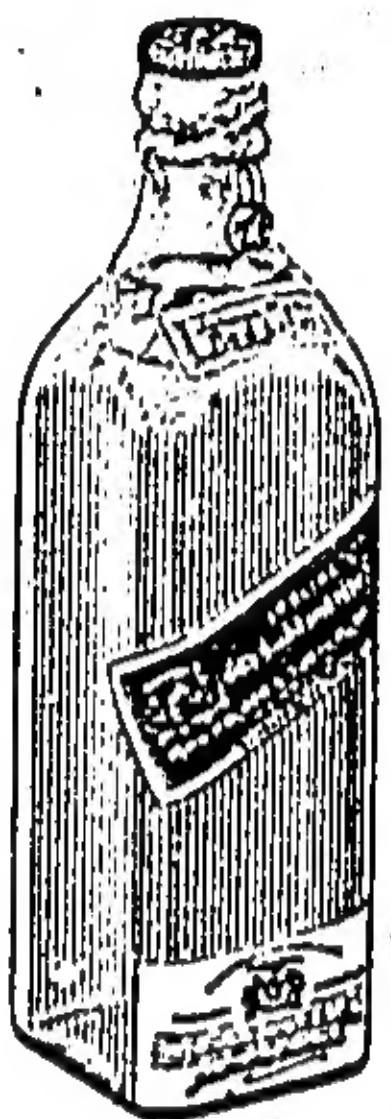
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In "He Looked for a City" (Michael Joseph, 9s. 6d.) A. S. M. Hutchinson has made a long, sympathetic study of the life of a thoroughly Christian, God-fearing and humorous man.

The Rev. Gordon Breque starts his career as a clergyman as a curate in crowded cities, films. There are two excellent but spends the last 35 years of parts for young stars, plenty of his life in the vicarage of a good feature roles, and exciting small but growing country town. highlights well dotted throughout. During that time his children grow up and add their problems to his own; the Great War brings new thoughts and ideals into play, and the post-war years add their difficulties and disillusion to the burden of age and ill health.

The vicar goes through good days and bad with his parishioners, but when he dies just four days before Christmas "one couldn't help feeling, it was just like him."

Poor Gordon Breque. Mr Hutchinson's portraits of him and of his dark, vivid and devoted wife are masterly. Laura is indeed a charming creation and has the touch of life which is lacking in her husband. The four children are also excellent individually, but rather heavily contrasted as a family, and Laura remains the most sympathetic character in the book.

Mr Hutchinson has simplified his style with the years, but he is still guilty of some atrociously involved sentences. What can the average reader make of the following without resource to mental parsing: "In all those thirty years, right up to this week in which they had ended, himself he ever could recall that glorious evening of his heart with which on the afternoon of arrival, eagerly stepping from the cab, he had put his hand on the vicarage gate and turned to Laura and the children and Minna excitedly crowding out to follow him."

"He Looked for a City" has been chosen as the Daily Mail "Book of the Month," and is certain to appeal to the author's large and faithful public.

BOOKS

Story of A Humourless Man

Walter D. Edmonds is the author of "Drums Along the Mohawk," and there is no doubt that his present story of circus life in America in the very early Nineteenth Century "Chad Hanna" (Collins 8s. 6d.) is written with an eye to the

There are two excellent parts for young stars, plenty of good feature roles, and exciting highlights well dotted throughout the tale.

All this does not prevent "Chad Hanna" from being an excellent, richly humorous story.

Chad Hanna is horse-boy at the Yellow Bud Tavern on the canal at Canastota when the story starts, but he is restless, and when he meets trouble helping a runaway slave to escape, he moves on and joins "Huguenine's Great and Only International Circus and Equestriole" mostly for love of the dashing equestrienne—and her horse.

The circus is really a very small and poor one, in spite of its resounding name, but the performers are kind and accept Chad and his fellow waif Caroline at their face value. Their story is mixed up with the adventures of the road, with the sad death of Oscar the lion, with the fight with the toughs of a larger and rival circus, with the desertion and subsequent return of "Lady Lillian" the equestrienne, and with the country and towns which they visit en route.

The story is delightfully human, and there are some excellent portraits among the minor characters. Mr Edmonds leaves his period to the reader's imagination. Not once is there a mention of the everyday clothes worn by the women, nor is an exact date ever fixed, but it must have been some time in the 1840's judging by the age of that goatish old man, Elias Proops.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

MAKING PICTURE-STORIES



This shot is from our "baking biscuits" sequence—the best way in the world to tell a story in pictures.

PICTURE-TAKING is a lot more fun, for the subjects, if the pictures have a story to tell. At our house, we do it this way. First, I pick two "story" ideas—one for Ann to be the model, another for Jack. Then I jot down notes for six or eight pictures that will tell each story—picking the high spots, of course.

To decide which story shall be pictured first, we toss a coin. If Ann wins, it's her story and she is the model, while Jack and I take the pictures. Actually, I suppose, I do most of it—placing the lights, setting the camera, and so on—but I try to let Jack feel that he's really the "director." We tell Ann what to do, for each shot—and usually the whole picture series is made in a short time. The following evening, it's Jack's turn as model, and Ann helps me shoot.

Sometimes we invite the next-door neighbour's little girls over, as model, so that both Jack and Ann can help supervise. She enjoys it—if my "story" idea gives her something interesting to do.

We made a sequence last week, showing how she learned to bake biscuits. We pictured her measuring out the flour, kneading the dough, rolling it out, cutting the biscuits, sliding them into the oven—and, finally, taking a big bite out of the first one. It's a good story.

That outline, incidentally, is typical of our snapshot sequences. Just a step-by-step account of things the children do. Jack, building an aeroplane model or packing his knapsack for a hike; Ann, learning how to roller-skate, or how to make a rag doll. And they have already made one story sequence of me—loading my pipe, lighting it, sitting down with the evening paper, puffing away as I read, and finally dozing off. Pretty good pictures, too, for youngsters.

You should try this idea of snapshot sequences, if you haven't already. There's fun in it—and the pictures are more interesting because they fit together to tell a real story.

John van Guilder.

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BY KEMP STARRETT



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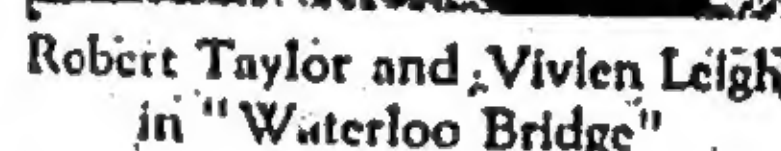


Says Deanna Durbin

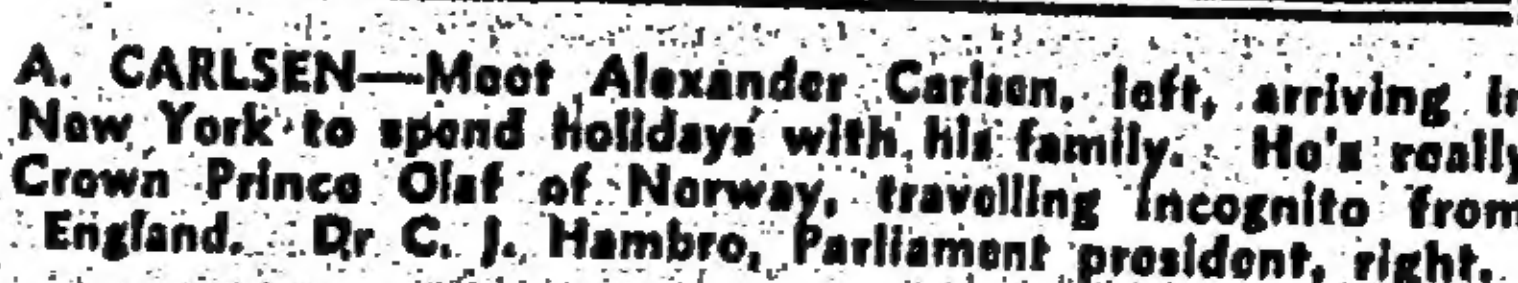
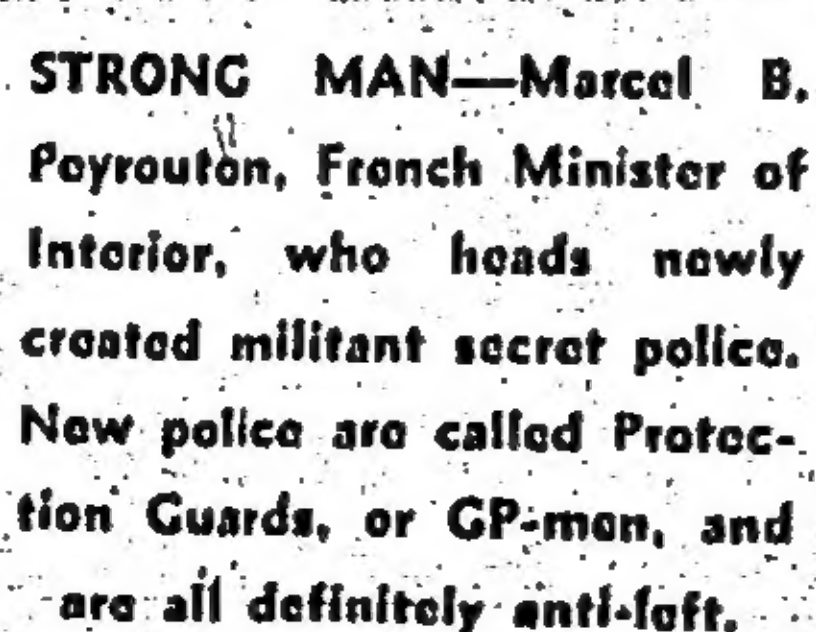
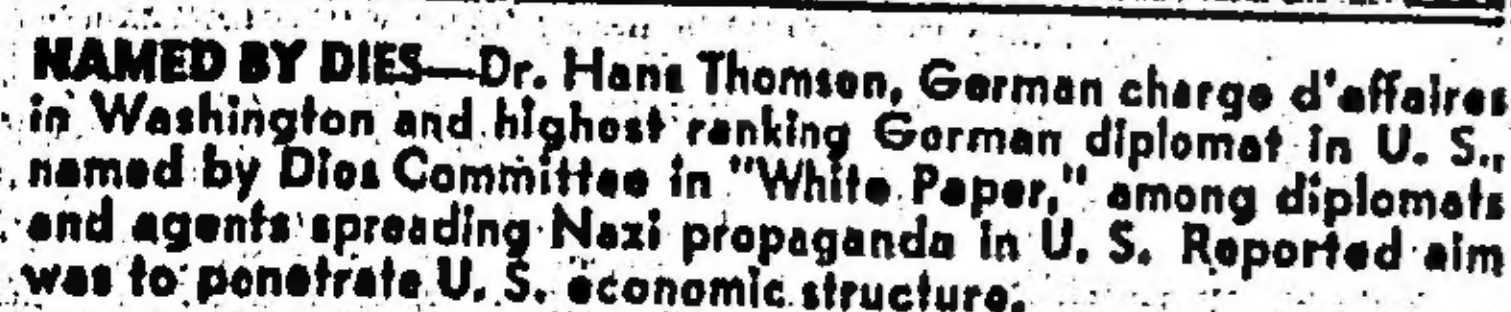
James Hilton is looking forward to the day when "Blossoms" President's preoccupation with pressing affairs of state, he found time to spend a few minutes with Tracy.



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Watch Baby's Cold

A WINTER bugbear in all families with young children is the numerous colds from which they suffer. This is especially true in babies. They begin with a stopped-up nose, running eyes, some fever and a bad temper. They also have difficulty in sleeping and nursing because they cannot breathe through the nose. The cold usually begins suddenly and develops rapidly.

Of itself, a cold may be only a nuisance, but if not checked it may descend into the larynx and lungs, croup and finally bronchopneumonia may result, with extremely serious illness.

How do babies catch cold? Well, ninety-nine times out of a hundred it is because some one in the family or a visitor who has a cold, coughs in their faces, fondles and kisses them, thus planting the seeds for a sick spell.

Some day we are going to be wise enough to compel everyone with a cold to stay at home in bed, or wear a mask if he leaves his own rooms.

Everybody Has Cure

All grandmothers and other relatives, also the neighbours, have a cure for babies' colds—everybody but the doctor. He knows that a well-developed cold will become worse and his only hopes are that laryngitis and pneumonia may be prevented.

Babies do not take medicines readily and drugs are not advisable except in extreme cases. Yet a cold must be overcome promptly or the baby will receive a setback. As a general rule, a mild laxative should be given at once. Not because he is constipated, but that all undigested food may be removed. Fever retards digestion, and the secretions from the nose and throat carrying the offending germs are swallowed and drive the infection down into the intestines where they multiply rapidly.

We use a small dose of castor oil which cleans off and leaves the walls healthy. Or six to ten tablets, each containing one-tenth grain of calomel, given at hourly intervals. This liquefies the bile, which acts as an antiseptic and is often of benefit.

As soon as a cold is noticed, give a warm bath, placing the child in a tub or pan of warm water in which some ground mustard is dissolved. Enough mustard should be used to turn the water a light lemon colour. The entire body is immersed except the head. The body should be gently massaged and a little cool water applied to the head.

As soon as the child's skin becomes flushed, he should be removed from the water, dried promptly, wrapped in a warm gown and placed in a warm bed. Not too much covering, because if he gets too warm he becomes restless and kicks off the cover. Later the face, nose, neck, behind the ears and the upper chest should be rubbed with camphorated oil.

Repeat Mustard Bath

Thus we relieve the congestion, draw the blood to the surface and give nature every chance to overcome the infection. Camphorated oil rubs may be repeated every few hours. If relief does not come in a few hours, the warm mustard bath can be repeated. The child should be given all the water he will take. Diet should be light. It is often wise to withhold milk for a number of

hours, substituting orange and other fruit juices.

If the laxative is omitted, a small soapuds enema should be substituted. This treatment is advisable for a very young infant and is good treatment till the age of six or eight years. Indeed, the worm mustard bath is serviceable at all ages.

If the cold is not greatly reduced within twenty-four hours, a physician should be called and informed about what you have done. If drugs or medicine are indicated, he will prescribe them.

Follow the programme he lays down and you may be sure you are doing the right thing.

Erik Nelson

Mr Erik Nelson, former Assistant Superintendent at Kai Tak Airport, has been released from his duties with the Royal Air Force and has now taken up the appointment of Superintendent of British Overseas Airways at Bermuda.

SIR WM. LLEWELLYN

London, Jan. 29.
The death is announced of Sir William Llewellyn, the portrait painter. He died in London on Tuesday night, aged 77. A former President of the Royal Academy, he held office for ten years.—Reuter.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says, "Quiet conditions continue to prevail, the bulk of the turnover being in Banks and Government 8½% Loan. During the past week, the volume of business was on a small scale."

Business done during the week

H.K. Banks \$1,405, \$1,410
H.K. Fires Ins. \$107½
Wharves \$98
Docks "N" \$17
Providents \$5½
Hotels \$3.55
Lands \$34.35, \$34½
Trams \$17.00
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Electricity "O" \$40½, \$40¼, \$40.35
Electricity "N" \$30¼
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Dairy Farms \$10.20
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H.K. Banks \$1,410
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Lands \$34.25
Lights "O" \$0.10
Ropes \$8½
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London, Jan. 13.
Charlie Chaplin's picture "The Great Dictator" has been banned in Eire by the Eire Government. The film is now being shown in Belfast.—Our Own Correspondent.



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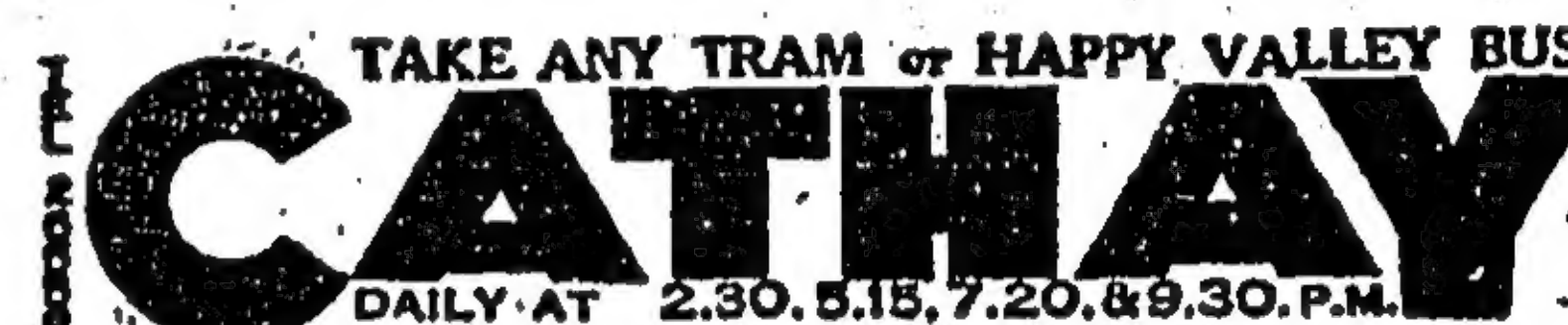
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